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# Spirit MATTERS

Newsletter for CSCPF Members and Friends



CENTER for SPIRITUAL CARE & PASTORAL FORMATION  
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## CSCPF Reports Our Leadership Team



**Katie LeCount,  
CSCPF  
Vice-President**

*by Hobbit Forrest*

Katie joined CSCPF in 2014 and has served on both the Certification and Standards Teams contributing to the development of Certification Standards. From the beginning, her intention was to advocate for those interested in becoming board certified as clinical chaplains, associate chaplains, or spiritual care counselors who are not affiliated with a mainstream faith tradition. Katie

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became CSCPF Vice-President in 2016 and is working closely with CSCPF's current President, Lily Saganich.

### **Vision for CSCPF**

Katie's vision for CSCPF is to foster organizational growth by expanding opportunities for member's growth and connection through peer review, support, and community involvement. She also believes in deepening CSCPF's commitment to understanding the psychosocial, cultural and ethical aspects of chaplaincy.

Katie's belief - that regardless of our diverse beliefs and traditions we are all interconnected and that there is something more than what we can see - inspires her desire to create a nurturing environment for all members of CSCPF. She recently became the Team Leader of CSCPF's Spirituality Team and will institute an outreach program to all CSCPF's members.

### **Background and Spiritual Journey**

Katie's Catholic roots were challenged after her parents divorced when she was 12. In 2000, Katie found a spiritual home at the First Church of Religious Science (FCRS) in Vallejo, CA. She began Practitioner training in 2004 and became a licensed Spiritual Practitioner on July 19, 2008.

Katie's inspiration to become a chaplain arose from her close relationship with her advocate and mentor, a fellow Spiritual Practitioner and Chaplain. Through her training, she began to re-define her relationship with God congruent with her developing spiritual beliefs.

Katie completed her Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) with John Jeffery, Pacific Institute in 2013, with placements at Marin General Hospital and at Lourdes Convent, San Rafael. She then established a Pastoral Care Team at her church, FCRS, in 2014 to respond to the needs of FCRS community members during their periods of loss, grief or adjustment to life circumstances.

Katie completed the Chaplaincy Institute's Interfaith Studies Program for Community Ministry and Chaplaincy in Berkeley, California, and was ordained as an Interfaith Minister in September 2014. Katie found the religious and cultural immersion program a reverent and humbling experience. She found through connecting with diverse groups of people in a variety of cultural settings who practiced different faith and spiritual traditions, her cultural perceptions and personal boundaries of comfort shifted into greater unity.

Katie served, for three years, as the Spiritual Director at Lourdes Convent, a retirement home for Dominican Sisters in San Rafael CA. In addition to being a chaplain to the sisters, she served in

## **Introducing a New Practitioner Community**

### **Our Internet-Based Practitioner Community**

by Jack Abel

*Are you wondering about whether an internet-based practitioner community can work?*

*My CPE supervisors had encouraged me towards certification, and stressed that I join with CSCPF members in a peer-supported, peer-review process, but I had struggled to find a practitioner community to be a part of. I had experience with Google Hangouts and the "Zoom" platform for multi-person online meetings. There were some faltering efforts a few of us made to form a community in that way. But, we had limited success until shortly after the last CSCPF Fall Gathering in Scottsdale, Arizona.*

*There, several of us found one another – persons who either had no community or were seeking one that would be a better fit. We scheduled an "exploratory meeting." To our surprise, by the time the exploratory meeting was scheduled, we had seven persons who were interested! From the beginning, this was an intentional "internet-based" community, not a group meeting with one or two calling/Skyping in, but a planned commitment for each of us to be visually and orally present through the benefit of technology.*

*Today, the **Arboretum International Practitioner Community (AIPC)** is, not only functioning, but – if I can speak for my colleagues – it is a community we feel passionate and excited about. We meet once a month for three hours. We have our own a mission statement, a developing covenant agreement, a set of guidelines for attendance and participation. We have several members, myself included, who are presenting materials in preparation for certification processes. Our name emphasizes two aspects of our makeup: (a) that we are many and varied in the way we are rooted and grow; and (b) that we are*

various business and advocacy roles, motivating her to complete a BA in business management in 2017.

Katie will be leading our Spirituality Team, currently in formation. We welcome Katie's deep commitment to spiritual practice and grounded business sense into our Governance Team!

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## Your CSCPFP Program Council is at Work for YOU!

If you ever wondered about how things get done in CSCPFP, there is an action group that is responsible to all Individual Members, Practitioner Communities, and works with Learning Centers and Serving Sites, as well. The titles of the teams tell the story: Accreditation, Advancement & Finance, Certification & Standards, Communications, Ethics, Events, Membership, and Spirituality.

The **CSCPFP Program Council** met on March 16, 2017, with eight members in attendance. In keeping with CSCPFP's grassroots nature, Team Leads, as well as their team members, are all volunteers. This means there is room for you to serve CSCPFP, our grassroots organization in a meaningful way by offering to participate in a team that interests you.

Highlights of the March 16<sup>th</sup> 2017 meeting include:

- **Jack Abel** shared that the Advancement & Finance team are working on reviewing an insurance policy, and finalizing banking signatures, as well as seeing that, oh yes, bills are paid.
- **Rebecca Williams** shared that the Certification & Standards Team has completed their review of Standards, Requirements and Competencies of the Clinical Chaplain & Pastoral Counselor Certification Standards Excerpts for coherence.
- **John Jeffery** shared that the Communications Team actively reviews, edits and publishes information through the CSCPFP website, the **Spirit Matters Newsletter**, the **Annual Report**, and will soon be offering the on-line **Spirit Matters Journal**. He also proposed a joint project with the Membership team to welcome new Practitioner Communities and their members into the CSCPFP fold.
- **Debra Morwood**, speaking for **Don Oyao**, Lead of the Ethics Team, shared that the Ethics Team wants to be proactive rather than reactive, and encourages all Individual Members and Practitioner Communities to learn about the **CSCPFP Code of Ethics and Grievance**

*international, with one of our members in the Philippines.*

*We are truly a collective: Our group has a different convener and scribe/timer for each session. Perhaps most importantly, in my view, we are getting to know one another, to feel like we are in supportive and accountable community with one another, and that we provide a substantial foundation that gives our CSCPFP affiliation value and meaning. We have found that this works for us, really well. The initial discovery poll at Scottsdale Fall Gathering and the consultation with those who had mentored us helped us get the word around. For my part, I am so glad to now have a CSCPFP home that feels stable and dedicated to our shared work.*



## News About CSCPFP Members



**Jack Abel**, CSCPFP's CFO and a member of Arboretum International Practitioner Community, is a featured presenter at the upcoming webinar: [Addiction and the Faith Community](#), sponsored by The Clergy Education and Training Project™ of the National Association for Children of Alcoholics (NACoA), in collaboration with the National Council on Alcohol and Drug Dependence (NCADD), the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education (ACPE), and the American Association of Pastoral Counselors (AAPC). Jack is leading the webinar called: **Faith Communities Respond**. For more information go to

**Protocol** so that we are all prepared if an issue should arise. (click [HERE](#) to read CEGP)

- **Lily Saganich**, our CSCPF President, shared that **Katrina Yap** and the members in the Philippines are working toward full recognition by CSCPF as they develop their programs and processes.

## YOU CAN HELP

We have need of a **Joint Fiduciary-Program Liaison**. This person will go to both Program Council and Fiduciary Council meetings to keep the communication flowing between the two. The **Fiduciary Council** is the other action group in CSCPF that is responsible for the legal, financial, and corporate aspects of CSCPF as a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization.

**The Program Council meets on the second Thursday in odd months. The Fiduciary Council meets on the second Thursday in even months.**

We welcome and encourage your participation.

Program Council convener, **Eileen Phillips**, may be reached at [eileenphillips@me.com](mailto:eileenphillips@me.com). CSCPF President **Lily Saganich** acts as Fiduciary Council convener and may be reached at [lsaganich@gmail.com](mailto:lsaganich@gmail.com)

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## Updates from the Certification Team

### Certification Process and Fees:

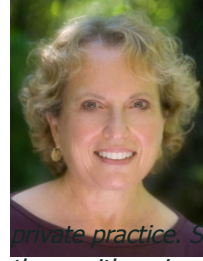
The Fiduciary Council and CSCPF members who attended the Fall Gathering both agreed to streamline the process and lower the fees for certification. The new process allows for the Commissioned Review Liaison to meet with the Review Panel via virtual conferencing instead of requiring in-person attendance. As of November 24, 2016, the certification fee was reduced to \$150:

- 70% goes to the selected Review Liaison
- 30% goes to CSCPF for administrative costs (Use of Zoom by Review Liaison, certificate preparation, and mailing).

### Your input is needed re Recertification Guidelines:

At the Fall Gathering, the CSCPF Community approved the following process for recertification. This proposal will soon go before the Program Council and Fiduciary Council for final approval. **Your input is needed. All questions and comments will be considered.** Please review these guidelines

[www.nacoa.org](http://www.nacoa.org) and for webinar info: <http://nacoa.org/webinars/>



**Selene Seltzer**,  
Communications  
Team and Lotus  
Practitioner  
Community member,  
brings a palliative  
approach to her  
community-based  
private practice.

Specializing in serving those with serious and life-limiting illness and their families, she has developed a patient-centered program called **Living Well with Serious Illness**, an integrative program of complementary modalities and services that are individualized for each client. With a deep belief in the power of participatory medicine and shared decision-making, Selene's approach is based on understanding that people are more than their bodies, more than their diagnosis, and wish to live as well as possible for as long as possible. She has co-founded two grassroots, community-based organizations, [Ashland Death Café](#) and the [Living/Dying Alliance of Southern Oregon](#) and is offering a community-based, 6 event series focusing on end of life decision making through advance care planning ~ called **Your Life. Your Death. Your Choices**. To find out more go to:

<https://www.seleneseltzer.com>



## MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE:

**Program Council: 2nd Thurs. of Odd Months; 4:30 pm PT**

**Fiduciary Council: 2nd Thurs. of Even Months; 4:30 pm PT**

**Communications Team: 1st Tuesday; 5:30 pm PT**

with your Practitioner Community and provide your feedback to **Rebecca Williams** (Lead of the Certification Team) **no later than June 30, 2017**. Rebecca's email: [revrebbie@gmail.com](mailto:revrebbie@gmail.com).

**If affirmed, Certified Chaplains will required be to follow the recertification schedule listed below.**

**Recertification Guidelines:**

**Years 1-2**

- Member in good standing and maintain all fees.
- Attend 80% of your Practitioner Community meetings
- Annual presentation of clinical material

**Years 3-4**

- Same as year 1 & 2, plus
- Participate in at least one CSCPF task, Team, or special project.
- Annual presentation of clinical material

**Year 5**

- Maintain years 1-4, plus Peer Review (Review Liaison not required) to include:
- Presentation of clinical material
- Discussion of any changes to your Life and Spiritual Journey and their relationship to your work
- Recertification fee \$150.00 (every 5 years)

**PLEASE NOTE: The Certification Team sent out a survey on April 12 requesting your opinion regarding other topics of concern to the Certification Team and how it can serve you best.**

**Please look for this survey in your email and/or check your SPAM folder and reply ASAP.**

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## **CSCPF Spirituality Team in Formation**

The new Spirituality Team, with **Katie Le Count**, Vice President of CSCPF serving as Team Lead, will offer a safe and confidential environment for chaplains and spiritual care counselors in need of support, comfort and validation to receive care from their peers. Members can now begin to request these services by emailing [cscfpastoralcare@gmail.com](mailto:cscfpastoralcare@gmail.com).



***CSCPF welcomes your participation on any of our Functional Area Teams.***

***Please contact the team leader of any team and let him/her know you are interested in serving!***

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**Membership**  
Wendy Jones

Katie will provide an orientation and ongoing support to every Team member and will respond to Team Members' questions and support them in handling any emergency situations they may encounter.

Requests and referrals for spiritual care will be sent to Spirituality Team and a Team member will respond by email and/or telephone or by email, depending on the initiator's preference.

Katie will be developing a Generalized Resource Directory for Team Members to help serve requestors in need of these services. She is requesting all CSCPF members to contribute by providing local resource information on counseling crisis services and recovery organizations in their respective areas.

All who are interested in providing this sacred service to CSCPF members are invited to contact Katie directly by emailing her at [cscpfpastoralcare@gmail.com](mailto:cscpfpastoralcare@gmail.com).

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## Did You Know...

CSCPF is a member of and is accredited by **The COMISS Network: The Network on Ministry in Specialized Settings?** In existence since the 1970's, **The COMISS Network** is the primary accrediting organization for organizations providing education and certification in pastoral care. Its member organizations guide **The COMISS Network's** current national and international initiatives, making it well known amongst chaplain and pastoral counseling professions.

**The Joint Commission**, which accredits and certifies nearly 21,000 health care organizations and programs in the US, recognizes **COMISS** accreditation.

As a note, **CSCPF** standards for learning center accreditation and professional certification meet, and in some cases, exceed the common standards of cognate professional chaplain associations. **Paula Belleggie** is **CSCPF's** representative to **The COMISS Network**.

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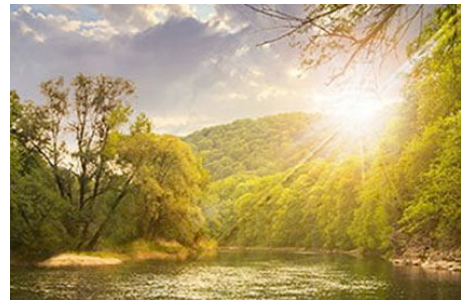
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## **SUPPORT US!**

*CSCPF offers a relational, inclusive and personalized approach to spiritual care while encouraging growth in the wisdom, knowledge and skills needed for the 21st century. We need and appreciate your financial support.*

*Please **SUPPORT US!** via your time and donations!*



## **JOIN US!**

*We value relationship, and participation is a way of establishing a relationship with colleagues and the discipline of spiritual care in general.*

*We invite you to join as an individual member and then find and become an active member in a local Practitioner Community. Or you can establish your own Practitioner Community with a few*



other colleagues from your work place or your community.

***JOIN US!*** We'd love to have you become a member of our community of spiritual care practitioners!

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BoneSighArts.com and Terri St Cloud have generously offered her art work to support and inspire us!

Thank you Terri for gracing our organization with your Spirit. Go to [BoneSighArts.com](http://BoneSighArts.com) and be inspired by this amazing woman!

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