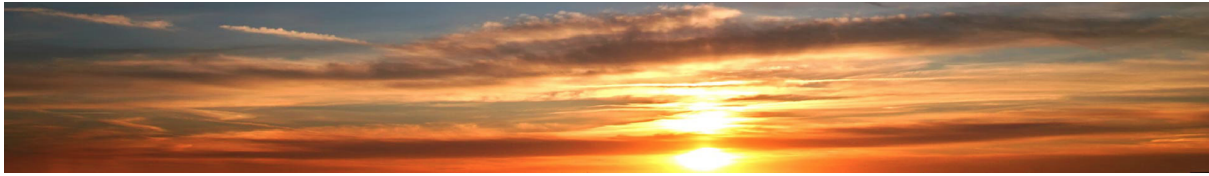


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Our thoughts and prayers are with all those affected by Hurricane - Tropical Storm Harvey

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 EMPOWERING PEOPLE, NOURISHING COMMUNITIES

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CSCPF Reports

Certification Team News!



Coming Soon! **Clinical Specialist: Palliative/Hospice Care Certification**

In the near future, the CSCPF Certification Team will announce the standards and competencies for our new Clinical Specialist: Palliative/Hospice Care certification. We will be announcing publication of these new standards in the SpiritMATTERS Newsletter and will post the standards and the certification process on the CSCPF Website at that time.

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***It's Membership
 Renewal Time!***

Annual Membership

For those who have received a similar certification from another cognate organization an exemption period has been approved allowing your existing credential to be recognized by CSCPF. This exemption period ends **April 30, 2018**. After that date, everyone will be required to follow the CSCPF certification process. For more information, please contact Rebecca Williams, Certification Team Co-Lead, at (925) 658-5740 ext #4, or CSCPF-certification@cscpf.org.

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## A Focus on Community

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News from the Philippines

Vanderpol Center for Leadership & Pastoral Formation



The **Vanderpol Center for Leadership and Pastoral Formation** is a CSCPF-affiliated Learning Center located in Pasig City, Philippines. Vanderpol is led by CPE Supervisor Maria Theresita Escandor Sobremisana ("Dr. Tootsie") and is assisted by Katrina Yap who also serves on CSCPF's Fiduciary Council.

Of the 30 people who are active in the center, most of them are CPE interns while others are associates and colleagues serving the extended community in Pastoral Care. Three CPE groups will begin in late August/September 2017 and 6 individuals are ready to begin their certification process.

Vanderpol Center has 3 active Practitioner Communities (PCs): There are 2 PCs are composed of members with mostly CPE background, and one PC composed of Supervisory Education Fellows (SEFs). Vanderpol conducts an annual retreat specifically for reconnection and recreation.

Renewals are due September 1st!

Your membership strengthens and enriches the entire CSCPF Community and allows us to continue to support your professional and personal growth.

**Please renew your membership now!
Or, if you are not yet a member, please [join us!](#)**

You should have received an email "CSCPF Annual Membership Renewal Reminder". If you did not, please contact us at CSCPF-Logistics@cscpf.org.

Membership rates as of September 1st are \$150.00 for all Individual Members across all categories. Hardship requests will be explored on a case by case basis.

Community membership rates are: Practitioner Communities - \$125, Learning Centers - \$400, and Serving Sites - \$100.

More information can be found [HERE](#).

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## NEW to the CSCPF WEBSITE!

**Archives of all the SpiritMATTERS Newsletters + CSCPF Annual Reports**

**Click [HERE!](#)**

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**Opportunity!
How to Build Community in the Workplace by Cultivating Gratitude**

Vanderpol Center offers a Pastoral Counseling and Psychotherapy Clinic for individuals, couples and families experiencing trauma and grief. It also extends outreach to an adopted community in a rural area of the Philippines where they are administering a scholarship program for 80+ youths and provides an early childhood literacy program and a feeding program.

Vanderpol Center is also partnered with other local NGOs to provide trauma counseling and stress debriefing services as volunteers during times of weather related calamities and trauma counseling to the widows of the fallen soldiers in the on-going war in Marawi with the IS-linked Maute Rebels.

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**We are excited to announce that  
Maria Theresita Escandor Sobremisana  
(AKA Dr Tootsie) and Fiduciary Council Member  
Katrina Yap from the Philippines  
will be attending the Fall Gathering!**



**Come Meet Them and Join Our Efforts To  
Support Our Philippine Community Members!**

***Donate Books at the Gathering!***

Few titles are available in local Philippine bookstores on topics of pastoral counseling, psychotherapy, trauma, grief and pastoral care. It's not that the books are expensive, there are simply few books available to buy for further studies, especially ones that would be very helpful as reference materials for professional development. Amazon is not available in the Philippines, so it really limits the possibility to purchase these books.

Dr. Tootsie and Katrina Yap often purchase books when they travel to the US or Germany. When Dr. Gwen Murrell Powell from Phoenix Rising Community of Chaplains visited in 2016, she donated a suitcase full of books all on pastoral care, trauma, grief and spirituality to the Vanderpol Center. They became the first set of books in the Vanderpol library!

OpenIDEO has just announced a **Gratitude in the Workplace Challenge** to explore how might we inspire experiences and expressions of gratitude in the workplace or organization. Studies show **gratitude** strengthens our relationships, improves our health, motivates us to achieve our goals, and boosts our feelings of satisfaction with life. Want more information? Or to participate in this exploration? Click [HERE!](#)



## **CSCPF's Fall Gathering**

**November 5-8, 2017  
Scottsdale, AZ  
Register Now!**

The **CSCPF Fall Gathering** is a perfect opportunity for creating sacred community. Come join us at a 3-day retreat where colleagues connect through meditation and movement, through presence and prayer, through feeding mind, body, and spirit, and yes – through the sacred sharing of ourselves through our stories.

**Our Theme This Year:  
Creating Sacred  
Community  
Exploring Stories & Rituals**

To help build the Vanderpol library for the use of our CPE interns, SEFs and future students to the MA program in Pastoral Care to be launched under the Seminary Education by Extension (SEE) Program of the Philippine Baptist Theological Seminary in the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of 2017, CSCPF leadership is putting out the call and would be deeply grateful for book donations about pastoral counseling, psychotherapy, trauma, grief and pastoral care to be brought to the Fall Gathering.

Tootsie and Katrina will dedicate one suitcase (max. 44 lbs.) to carry the donated books back home to save on shipment costs. **Please help!**



## One Chaplain's View of Community... What is It?

By Patricia Roach

We hear a lot these days about community -- establishing a community, belonging to a community, and even politicians mentioning the various communities in which they are involved and what they have done for those communities. Standard definitions of "community" often lack the important factors that bring people together in true "community."

In Maslow's "Hierarchy of Needs" pyramid, Maslow believed that each level of need must be met before one is able to move to the next level on the way to self-actualization. The foundation of the pyramid is **Physiological Needs** - the basic needs for food, water and shelter just to survive in our world. If these basic needs are not met in one's life, is there really anything else to think about?

A real community is one where all individuals feel safe and secure. It is one where there is genuine caring, loving, and lots of kindness. Once the physiological needs are met, we can address **Safety and Security Needs**. To me, this is part of creating a real "community." Feeling safe and secure in support groups, especially in grief support groups, is very important. Confidentiality is established up front: "What is said in this room stays in this room!" Other guidelines allow each individual to share without interruption, have a sense of respect for each other, have the freedom to express one's feelings and emotions without judgment

**Give yourself this gift of renewal & deep connection**

**Plus Working Groups and Team Meetings!**

**Attend and Receive a Certificate of Professional Development**

**Join us!**



**Commissioned Certification Review Liaison Training**

**CSCPF will offer a Commissioned Certification Review Liaison Training during the Fall Gathering!**

The **Commissioned Certification Review Liaison** enhances the CSCPF certification process and serves crucial functions by confirming:

- 1) All Certification Board Reviews are held in compliance with CSCPF processes as established in each of the CSCPF Standards;
- 2) Certification Review Boards are documented, with appropriate verifications being submitted through appropriate channels in a timely manner;
- 3) All members of the Certification Review Board have examined all documentation submitted by a candidate prior to appearance before the Certification Review Board;
- 4) Affirm that candidates participating in the review process possess appropriate credentials and membership in good standing with CSCPF and Practitioner Community.
- 5) Verify that all packets submitted by the candidates are complete, also as prescribed by CSCPF Standards.

or criticism, providing a truly safe environment without threat of mental, physical or emotional harm.

The third level of Maslow's "Hierarchy of Needs", and the one that really establishes "community" to me, is **Love and Belonging Needs** which are established through life relationships beginning with our parents. It is mentioned that these must be "satisfactory" relationships. However, I propose that our relationship to Life is itself is a relationship, thus all relationships could be viewed as satisfactory because regardless of how good or bad we judge any and all relationships, there are gifts and learning experiences in them all. These difficult relationships may simply be something to encourage, motivate or force us to grow and see things differently at that moment. Another question -- Can we include our relationship with our Self and accepting our self with all our good, bad, ugly, or indifferent idiosyncrasies? Love and acceptance starts at home— with each one of us loving our Self. And in this loving acceptance of ourselves, as we are right now, accepting that we are not perfect, that we are a human being having a spiritual experience, all is okay. In this acceptance, we might also recognize that there is room for improvement and begin working on our self rather than looking outside of ourselves and finding fault with someone else. Remember, it always starts at home with each one of us doing the inner work, loving our Self as we grow through it. Once we meet the **Love and Belonging Needs**, Maslow believes that we move into **Self-Worth and Self-Esteem Needs**. For me, this comes as we develop those positive feelings for One's Self.

All this is to say that I never truly understood community until I became a part of the "Beyond Loss" group at Glendale Adventist Medical Center and served as a chaplain and grief facilitator. As a chaplain and grief facilitator for this program, I have developed, established and become a part of a community. Our families, schools, church environments, organizations, and even our neighborhoods may be considered separate communities. However, until one truly feels the safety, love and belongingness within a particular group, I don't believe there is really a "true Community." I can truly say with all my heart, I have found a true "Community" with "Beyond Loss". This is what I am looking to establish in CSCPf as well with all our Chaplains.

My question to you is "Where is your *True Community*?" Finding community with CSCPf can be two-fold if we so

*In addition to this training at the Fall Gathering, other training opportunities will be available throughout the year via Skype/Zoom, etc., as well as other regional seminars.*

*Individuals who are interested in serving the entire CSCPf community as a **Commissioned Certification Review Liaison** should contact Chaplain J. Michael L. (Hoss) Benedict no later than **September 15, 2017** at [CSCPf-CRL@cscpf.org](mailto:CSCPf-CRL@cscpf.org) or **(925) 658-5740 ext #705**.*

*Roy Sanders and Michael Benedict of the **Commissioned Certification Review Liaison Team** are currently reviewing the training curriculum and offering this training.*



## **MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE:**

**Program Council: 2nd Thurs. of Odd Months; 4:00 pm PT**

**Fiduciary Council: 2nd Thurs. of Even Months; 4:00 pm PT**

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

choose. We have our Practitioner Community and we have our organizational Community at large.

Are you ready to actively participate to make your groups "TRUE COMMUNITIES?" Remember **it takes all of us** working together (in integrity) to establish CSCPF as our "True Community!" Let's all step up and take an active role in making CSCPF the Number One Chaplain organization!



## Attention All Practitioner Community Liaisons!

CSCPF is introducing a **Practitioner Community Annual Update** to aid the overall organization in numerous ways. This **Practitioner Community Annual Update** is to be completed by each Practitioner Community Liaison at the time they submit their Annual Membership Renewal. *(Specific directions can be found below.)*

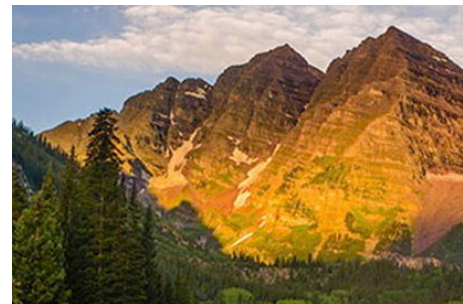
First and most importantly, this **Practitioner Community Annual Update** provides each Practitioner Community (PC) a way to let the CSCPF leadership know about your community and its members. This information will help CSCPF get a yearly picture of what is happening at the local level. We hope to receive comments from each PC Liaison with regards to their practices, as well as, ideas that may benefit other communities or the organization as a whole. These comments will be shared through the



## 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 see participation in our community as 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.*

**Practitioner Community News** section of the **SpiritMATTERS Newsletter**.

Second, the **Practitioner Community Annual Update** will collect updated information to ensure that we have current contact information and descriptions about the various PCs in our Community Directory so that potential new members, or members who are moving, can find PCs to join. We have had a number of requests from unaffiliated members who want to join and participate in a Practitioner Community, but need to connect virtually. Gathering this information and publishing the results on our **Directory of Communities** will help us serve all our members.

Third, as we look forward to our first round of re-certifications (to begin 2019), we need updated info on each Practitioner Community Member and their activity in their PC and the larger CSCP organization. We want to be able to recognize all those who are supporting CSCP through their volunteer efforts!

**Please Note: In order to maintain your Practitioner Community's active status with CSCP and ensure that your members will be able to be certified and re-certified, the PC Liaison must provide all requested updates in a timely manner.**

We ask that each Practitioner Community Liaison complete the update to their **Practitioner Community Profile** by **October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017**.

**Directions to complete the Practitioner Community Annual Update:**

- Go to **CSCP**
- **Log in** using your specific email address you use for your Practitioner Community. (**Please Note:** it is a different email address than the one you use for your Individual Membership with CSCP.)
- From the **home page**, click on the button (Click Here for Directory) under FIND A COMMUNITY. That will open our Directory of Communities.
- Click on your Practitioner Community name, this will open your PC Profile.
- Click on the **Edit Profile** button + please update all the information on the form +

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

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CSCP welcomes your participation! Join 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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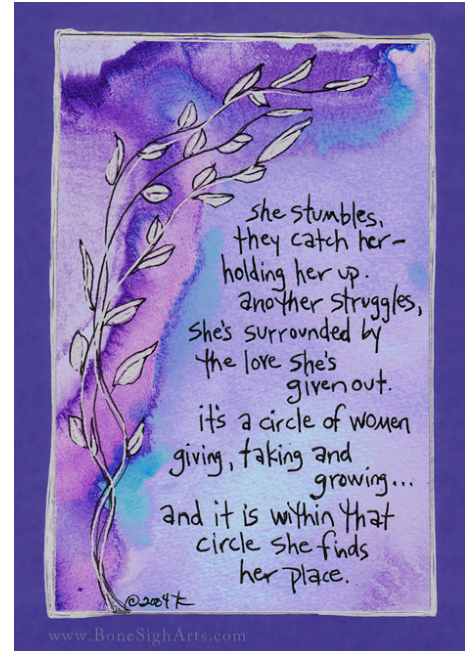
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