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What's Happening at the Upcoming Gathering?

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***The Program for the Gathering is now available***

You can download a PDF of the Program for the 2017 Gathering [here](#).

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The Deadline to Register for the Gathering is October 22nd

Only 5 rooms left!

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## Certification Standards for Clinical Specialist: Palliative/Hospice Care to be Discussed at the Gathering

CSCPF is pleased to announce the Standards and Competencies have been completed for certification as a Clinical Specialist: Palliative/Hospice Care. This clinical specialty is being offered to CSCPF Board-certified Clinical Chaplains who have advanced education, training and experience in Palliative Care and Hospice. As you know, the Joint Commission recognizes high-quality palliative care programs in hospitals and community settings. The new Standards will be presented at the Gathering. You can download a copy of the Standards [here](#). Please bring questions or comments to the meeting.

Lastly, if you already meet the requirements of Path 4 listed in the Clinical Specialist: Palliative/Hospice Care Standards, we will provide information on how to apply for the Interim Exception Policy until April 30, 2018.

For more information, please contact Rebecca Williams, Certification Team Co-Lead, at (925) 658-5740 ext #4, or [CSCPF-certification@cscpf.org](mailto:CSCPF-certification@cscpf.org).

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Please Support Our Philippine Community Colleagues Donate Books at the Gathering!



Vanderpol Center for Leadership and Pastoral Formation members

Help support our Philippine Community colleagues serve their members. Maria Theresita Escandor Sobremisana (AKA Dr Tootsie) and Fiduciary Council Member Katrina Yap are building the Vanderpol library for the use of their CPE interns, SEFs and students in the MA program in Pastoral Care. CSCPF leadership is

CPE Learning Opportunity

Pacific Institute for Essential Conversations (PIEC) has an opening in its upcoming Fall CPE program. This is a distance learning program using video conferencing. If you are interested contact Susan Shannon as soon as possible at susanshannon108@gmail.com.

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## You Are Invited to Attend an Essential Conversation



## CHAPLAINCY IN AN AGE OF ECOLOGICAL CRISIS

*Recent news about the health and future of our Planet presents a dim message. The environmental challenges we face as a global family are daunting. Though there are signs and examples of positive change, the scientific evidence affirms the possibility that we are entering into an era known as the Sixth Great Extinction.*

*What is the role of spiritual and pastoral care as we face the profound disruption and uncertainty of ecological collapse? How do we, as professional chaplains and counselors, provide care that touches the whole person, including one's conscious and unconscious relationship to the Earth? As professionals in this field, and as sensitive human beings, we need to at least to begin talking with each other about this topic. And possibly begin addressing of how our profession will respond to the realities of social injustice and human suffering that will come along with ecological destruction.*

**On November 11th at 8 a.m. PT, The Pacific Institute for Essential**

putting out the call and would be deeply grateful for book donations to be brought to the Fall Gathering.

New and used titles about pastoral counseling, psychotherapy, trauma, grief and pastoral care would be greatly appreciated.

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



## Membership Team News

**Thank you, Wendy Jones!**

CSCPF leadership wishes to thank and acknowledge Wendy Jones, CPE Supervisor, for her dedication to the creation and establishment of CSCPF and her service in the role of Membership Team Lead since our inception. Remaining as a Commissioned Certification Review Liaison, she is focusing on her parish ministry. **Thank you, Wendy for all you've done for CSCPF!**

**From Barbara McGuire,  
New Membership Team Lead**

In Angeles Arrien's book, "The Second Half of Life", she talks about the gates of wisdom. She speaks of the Black and White Gate as the gate of Relationships: The Crucible of Love, Generosity, Betrayal and Forgiveness.

As the new Membership Team Lead, it is my hope that as we move forward our relationship with each other becomes a mirror. As we pass through the gate of Relationships, let us reflect on who we are, and what our experience and role is within CSCPF. We want to know... What do you see for our future? What are your

**Conversations (PIEC)** will host an essential conversation about chaplaincy in an age of ecological crisis. John Jeffery, Director of PIEC, will facilitate the dialogue.

If you are interested in joining this conversation, please send an email to [John@pacinstitute.org](mailto:John@pacinstitute.org). You will receive more information about this conversation and a ZOOM invitation to the conference call.



## CSCPF's Fall Gathering

November 5-8, 2017

Scottsdale, AZ

**Register Now!**

**Creating Sacred Community**

**Exploring Stories & Rituals**

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

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Commissioned Certification Review Liaison Training

CSCPF will offer a training during the Fall Gathering!

hopes are for right now. What do you see as lacking? What needs to change? And what is working well?

The Membership Team will be holding a working meeting at the Gathering. I hope to see you there!

Help Request. The membership team is looking for a few members to assist with a short-term task of personally connecting with each of our members, asking the questions listed above, and exploring our relationship with one another. Outreach has begun and positive outcomes have resulted from these connections – folks have renewed their membership as well as members deciding to join us at the Gathering in Scottsdale, AZ on November 5 – 8th. If you are willing to assist, please email me at CSCPF-membership@cscpf.org

Also, CSCPF is introducing an **Individual Member Annual Profile Update** to be completed by each Individual Member around the time they submit their Annual Membership Renewal. Instructions to complete the **Individual Member Annual Update** are provided separately below.

Our ability to connect with you and serve your needs can only happen if we have your correct information!

It's easy to navigate, even I was successful! Feel free to reach out to me at CSCPF-membership@cscpf.org, if you wish to join the membership team, assist with making these calls, are having trouble updating your profile, or if you have any questions.

Let's journey together through this black and white gate of Relationships as we create a home for all who enter here.

"To receive everything, one must open one's hands and give." ~ Taisen Deshimaru

In service,
Barbara

Instructions to complete the Individual Member Annual Profile Update:

- Go to CSCPF.org
- **Log in using your email address**
- At the very top of the Home Page (above the logo and the

The **Commissioned Certification Review Liaison** enhances the CSCPF certification process and serves crucial functions by confirming CSCPF processes are followed.

Individuals who are interested in serving the entire CSCPF community as a **Commissioned Certification Review Liaison** should contact Chaplain Michael (Hoss) Benedict at **(925) 658-5740 ext #705** or CSCPF-CRL@cscpf.org.

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.



NEW to the CSCPF WEBSITE!

Archives of all the SpiritMATTERS Newsletters + CSCPF Annual Reports

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*CSCPF offers a relational, inclusive and personalized approach to spiritual care while*

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- It will open to **MY PROFILE**
- Click on **Edit Profile**
- **Please review all the existing information**
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- When you have completed your entries, please **be sure to click on SAVE!**

## ***Spiritual Direction Workgroup to Meet at the Gathering***

***Demetra “Dee” Jaquet, CPE Supervisor***

At our 2016 Gathering, a workgroup was formed to explore the topic of Spiritual Direction. Part of the original vision for CSCPF was to be a community of not only qualified clinical chaplains, but also persons who embody spiritual commitment and integration from diverse spiritual perspectives. The inclusion of the words “and Pastoral Formation” in our name reflects this commitment.

Affirming the importance of personal growth within the practice of spiritual caregiving, the Spiritual Direction workgroup discussed orienting ideas and values that enrich CSCPF members’ capacities for companionship others in the depths of their spiritual journeys.

Three general areas for approaching spiritual growth were identified: **Formation, Skills** and **Discernment**.

**Formation** is the conscious awareness of, and effort to, integrate skills, learning, experience, insights and spiritual practice in our interior life. **Skills** include learning from external resources like books, seminars, tips from peers, and faith and moral development models. **Discernment** is what we do in examining how new insights from a source greater than ourselves can refine our ability to actively welcome Sacred Wisdom’s guidance.

*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.*

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

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CSCPF 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!

This conversation led to a request for member input regarding CSCPF offering a possible certification as Community Specialist: Spiritual Direction.

The workgroup will offer a presentation for all members' input at the Gathering. They will present their ideas about Spiritual Direction — what it is, how it may, or may not, fit within the CSCPF mission. We invite you to please attend and bring your insights and recommendations.

To join this group, please contact Dee Jaquet at deejquet@aol.com.



A Focus on Community

NWA Interspiritual Practitioner Community, Bentonville, AR

The Northwest Arkansas (NWA) Interspiritual Practitioner Community, in Bentonville, AR is a clinician community that meets monthly in person. The Practitioner Community Liaison is Jan Huneycutt Lightner, BCCC, BCPC. She has offered the following insights into her community:

Our Mission

We welcome, empower, and cultivate competent and compassionate interspiritual, multi-faith, spiritual but not religious, and/or non-theistic spiritual care practitioners.

Our Vision Statement

We fulfill our mission by

- Offering the gift of presence and healing care to each other
- Committing to personal and professional growth, reflection, and accountability
- Appreciating the support, counsel, and feedback from peers who know our strengths, weaknesses, and spiritual journeys
- Supporting one another's ongoing transformation and development of knowledge, skills, and wisdom
- Teaching and learning from each other
- Committing to lifelong, multifaceted learning
- Providing spiritual care lovingly, authentically, and ethically

Our Philosophy

Our focus is on relationship with spirit, integrity with

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self, and service to humankind.

(As stated in the philosophy of the Center for Spiritual Care and Pastoral Formation under whose structure we gather.)

Our Values

- Warm heartedness
- Open mindedness
- Trust
- Respect
- Inclusivity
- Diversity
- Sacred Wonder and Awe
- Intrapersonal & Interpersonal Depth
- Response-ability



—Terri St. Cloud

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.

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