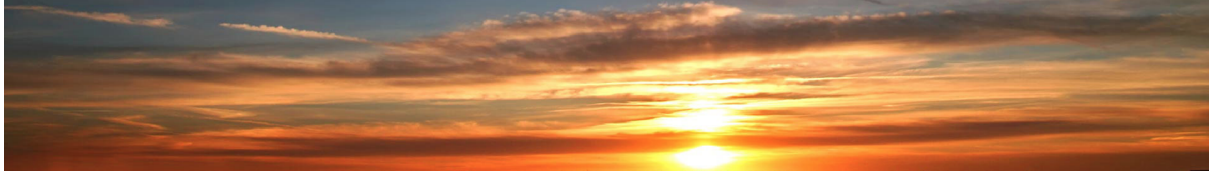


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CENTER for SPIRITUAL CARE & PASTORAL FORMATION
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Holiday Greetings!

As we enter more fully into this holiday season, it is with deep gratitude that I extend my heartfelt blessings to you and all those you love.

Thank you for an amazing year of deepening partnerships and fruitful work in 2017. May we continue to grow and stretch in 2018 and beyond in prosperity and good will.

*Blessed Be!
Lily Godsoe,
President, CSCPFP*

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CSCPF REPORTS on the FALL GATHERING 2017



Impressions of CSCPF's Fall Gathering

Scott Hogue, CPE Supervisor

I once worked at a company with the motto, "You have four seconds to make a lasting first impression." The lasting impression I gained at the CSCPF conference in Scottsdale, Arizona was positive. This impression grew and strengthened over the next few days. Arriving early, I wandered the conference grounds somewhat adrift. That is until the leadership for CSCPF found me. "You must be Scott," they said. "Why don't you walk with us." When dinner came, I was surrounded by colleagues who proved welcoming and diverse.

Many conferences include back slapping and approval of conformity – not so with the CSCPF conference! This group is on a mission and that mission includes all present. While supported in my practice of spiritual care as a hospice chaplain, I was also challenged. Challenged to expand my understanding of spiritual care and what spiritual care means in a larger community of chaplain ministry across the country and even the Philippines. I came away from the conference with a first impression which proved true – CSCPF is a collegial community of support and welcome that will encourage intentional practice of spiritual care in a changing world.



CSCPF NEWS

There are many opportunities to connect with colleagues, deepen your friendships and serve CSCPF. We truly need the voice and hands of the many to help steer our organization confidently toward further development and growth.

Foremost, we do this organizational work for the benefit of our current members - we also do it for those future members who are seeking an organization who can meet them with grace, intelligence and compassionate community. Many seeds are planted, we now need gardeners!



Heads Up for 2018 CSCPF Fiduciary Council Elections!

Eileen Phillips, Nominations Team Lead

The Ad Hoc Nominations Team wants you to know that our annual elections for the Fiduciary Council will be coming mid-winter.

*Please stay tuned and we will soon get word to you about how you can play a significant role in this living, breathing organism called **Center for Spiritual Care and Pastoral Formation**.*

Keep your eyes open for an email requesting nominations for the Fiduciary Council & recommendations for CSCPF officers!

CSCPF's First Welcoming Ritual

Hobbit Forrest, SEF

CSCPF held its first welcoming ritual for five candidates who passed their board reviews for certification at the 2017 Gathering. In addition, several other members were awarded Reciprocal Certification as Clinical Specialist: Palliative & Hospice Care, and members who had been certified earlier in 2017 were also honored.

The ritual was planned by Katie Le Count, Spiritual Care Team Lead, supported by the Spiritual Care Team. It celebrated the achievement of this important milestone for the community and the successful candidates. Katie encouraged each candidate to bring a treasured object to the Gathering and place it on a beautifully decorated altar in the community room. Other CSCPF members spontaneously joined the ritual by adding their own special objects to the altar.

Forming a "welcome bridge", the community joyously sang and blessed the recipients as they walked through the bridge. After each received a welcome card lovingly handcrafted by Katie, they poignantly shared personal reflections on how their treasured objects have been a source of inspiration and comfort during their spiritual formation and during delivery of clinical and pastoral care.



The heartfelt ceremony concluded the morning's session as the successful candidates were presented with temporary certificates* by the CSCPF President, Rev. Lilliana Godsoe and their respective Practitioner Community Liaisons.

* Final certificates and CSCPF acknowledgment of certification are pending receipt of post-review documentation

Candidates successfully completing Certification Review Boards at the Gathering:

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## Operations Team

*The Fiduciary and Program Councils wish to announce that Lily Godsoe, Debra Morwood and Selene Seltzer have agreed to share the duties of the **Operations Team** and will be responsible for development and implementation of Council approved CSCPF Policies and Procedures.*

*The team will administer the business aspects of CSCPF, provide effective oversight, coherence and continuity for the organization's smooth functioning for the essential business needs.*

*Their mission is to enhance consistency of organizational operations, provide guidance and support to the Functional Area Team Leads and technical support to the membership.*

*Duties will include, but are not solely restricted to, providing guidance and enhanced support to:*

- **Membership**  
*New Member and Renewal Processes, Maintenance of Database,*
- **Certification**  
*Coherence of Certification Forms, Procedures and Processes,*
- **Events**  
*Integration of Payment Procedures and Processes, and*
- **Fiduciary Integration**  
*Coherence of Payment and Website Integration*





Scott Bennion, BCCC, BCPC

Doug Boyle, BCCC

Hobbit Forrest, BCCC, BCPC



Christiane Heyde, BCCC, BCPC

Barrett Van Buren, BCCC, BCPC

**Candidates awarded Reciprocal Certification as Clinical Specialist: Palliative & Hospice Care**



Linda Day, CSPHC

Milt Hines, CSPHC



John Jeffery, CSPHC

Barbara McGuire, CSPHC

Gwen Murrell Powell, CSPHC



Roy Sanders, CSPHC



**Reflections on the 2017 Community Gathering**

*Rev. Hilde L. Brooks,  
2018 Events Team Co-Lead*

As I sit and reflect upon the activities, learnings and connections that were gained at this gathering, I cannot help but feel blessed. There was the celebratory nature of those who had successfully completed their Certification Board Reviews. We broke bread together and found deep connection in those celebrations. There was an unspoken appreciation for the level of work it took to come to the place where Certification was bestowed upon these individuals.

This organization of communal souls has also provided an opportunity to step up and into, not only participation with, but to assume a leadership role. This "grassroots" place for chaplains to thrive, grow and expand, has provided the impetus to help guide the growth and stimulate the consciousness of consensus in the creation of a successful and fruitful association.



**CSCPF Open Positions**

• If you have accounting or book-keeping skills and are willing to volunteer, we are talking to folks about the CSCPF Treasurer position. Contact Lily Godsoe, at 925-658-5740, ext. #706, or [CSCPF-President@cscpf.org](mailto:CSCPF-President@cscpf.org).

• Please consider becoming a member of one of our Functional Area Teams. Some of the Teams looking for new members are:

**Communications**

John Jeffery/Allison Cornell  
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**Events**

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**Membership**

Barbara McGuire  
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It was good to hear about the progress with talks with the Spiritual Care Association (SCA) and the possibilities that lie ahead.

The Ethics Team presented an opportunity to assess our ethical standards and voice any needs that could be fulfilled by this group. And the forgiveness exercise that came up organically, assisted in releasing anything that was blocking the growth of this community.

And for me, being in a virtual Practitioner Community called *Arboretum*, where our members extend from the Philippines to California, there was the opportunity to connect and love one another in person. I love my community so very much. They are teachers, friends, educators, sustainers and so much more and are so important in my life as a professional chaplain.

As one of the new Co-Team Leads of the Events Team, both myself and Barrett Van Buren are looking forward to planning a wonderful retreat for everyone. Next year, we will be landing at beautiful **Bon Secours Retreat & Conference Center** in Maryland for our Fall 2018 Gathering, October 2018. We are in the process of creating a program that will feed, stimulate and nurture each participant in a way that hasn't been done before.

So, stay tuned for updates and start saving your pennies so you don't miss this upcoming extraordinary time together.

**PLEASE NOTE: We will be holding a virtual "Zoom" Event Team meeting January 8, 2018 at 4:30 pm PST, so watch for an email for more information. Please consider joining our new team! Contact us, Hilde Brooks and Barrett Van Buren, Event Team Co-Leads at [CSCPF-Events@cscpf.org](mailto:CSCPF-Events@cscpf.org) or 925-658-5740, ext. #3.**

**Reports**  
*click [HERE!](#)*

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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 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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## ***Update on Conversations with the Spiritual Care Association (SCA)***

Roy Sanders and John Jeffery updated the gathered CSCP Community regarding our ongoing conversation with the Spiritual Care Association. Over the past year, CSCP has continued to discuss the common ground shared by our two organizations.

CSCP received a proposal from SCA outlining a potential relationship. Roy and John presented a CSCP counter-proposal to the Community gathered in Scottsdale.

The gathered Community requested Roy and John to formulate a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between CSCP and SCA. The draft MOU will outline a voluntary process for CSCP certified members to receive recognition by SCA. The MOU will protect CSCP's autonomy, identity and commitment to CPE-based peer review certification. The draft MOU, once created, will be distributed to all CSCP Practitioner Communities for discussion and request for positive or negative response.

We plan to hold a Community-wide Town Hall meeting to present the MOU and give opportunity for questions and discussion. Keep your eyes open for an invitation to this Town Hall meeting.

## ***Commissioned Certification Review Liaison Team Report***

***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!***

### **Accreditation**

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### **Advancement**

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### **Advocacy**

Position Open

### **Certification & Standards**

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### **Program Council**

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### **Spiritual Care**

Katie LeCount





At our recent 2017 Fall Gathering, our organization took a positive step toward developing an approved training for Commissioned Certification Review Liaisons (CRLs). Our member Michael "Hoss" Benedict, Clinical Chaplain and Supervisor, has stepped up to lead the future development and training of new CRLs.

Over the last several months Hoss has mined our collective CSCPF wisdom to develop a training that is in sync with the values of our organization and the required skill set for CRLs. We have empowered him to move forward with its development.

Hoss will be joining our Fiduciary and Program Councils meetings to ensure compliance and to solicit suggestions for development. Please welcome Hoss as our Commissioned Review Liaison Team Lead and be on the lookout for future communications from him regarding this essential role.

**PLEASE NOTE: There will be a virtual "Zoom" training for CRLs, led by Hoss Benedict in February. Anyone interested in enrolling the training, please contact Michael "Hoss" Benedict at [CSCPF-CRL@cscpf.org](mailto:CSCPF-CRL@cscpf.org) or (925) 658-5740, ext. #705.**



—Terri St. Cloud

[BoneSighArts.com](http://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!