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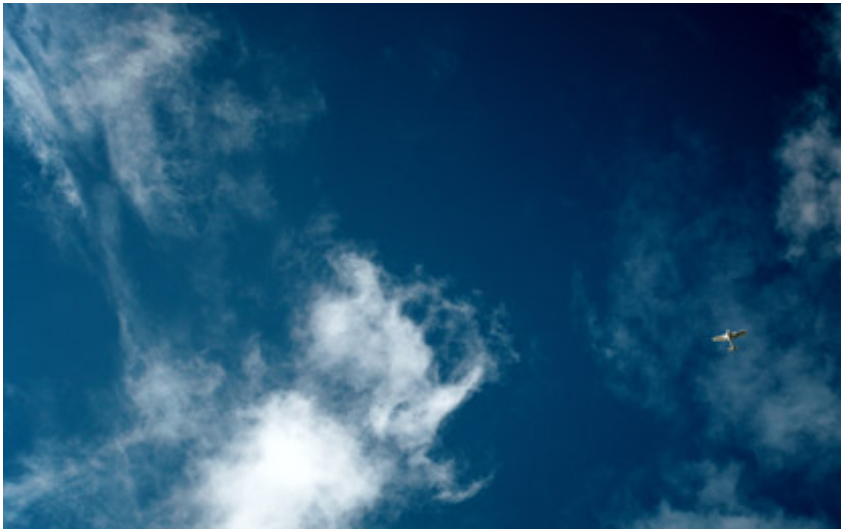
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A NEWSLETTER FOR
CSCPF MEMBERS & FRIENDS



Center for Spiritual Care &
Pastoral Formation

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An Excerpt From Our Commitment:

"I am dedicated to offering transformative and healing education and spiritual care to practitioners in the world community.

I accept the profound place of trust that my community places in me."

An Invitation...

by Barbara McGuire

CSCPF is an organization created with heart. We are a welcoming organization made up of small communities that honor and respect the inherent worth, dignity, and equality of every individual in our diverse society.

We are a community of lay and ordained practitioners, representing disciplines of spiritual and pastoral service. CSCPF is dedicated to offering a transformative and healing experience.

We invite you to join this grassroots organization where your voice matters. As a member you will be part of something larger; where your values and beliefs are represented.

CSCPF encourages every member to be involved so they can make a difference in the larger community. At CSCPF we know that surrendering our ego allows us to accept ourselves

exactly as we are. This commitment to self-healing helps each member find their hidden gifts, which when embraced can allow transformation. In discovering these gifts, we can then connect more authentically to others. When our authentic voices join the larger community we create a healthy, vibrant and real community. This unified purpose supports group harmony which allows all of us to make a difference in each life we touch.

Please join us as a member and participate in one or more areas of growth and formation. We welcome your input, your talents and skills!

Thriving Community Life in Denver

by JJ Pooley, Denver Ark Chaplain Community Liaison

Local Practitioner Communities are created so that no professional spiritual care provider (Chaplain, Pastoral Counselor, etc.) feels isolated. We all need to belong in a group that feels safe. My Community, the CSCPF Denver Ark Chaplain Community, is dedicated to providing a place for connection and support, as well as to mentor those seeking certification through CSCPF.

The Denver Ark Chaplain Community - made up of 7 Certified Chaplains/Pastoral Counselors, 5 CPE graduates awaiting Certification, a Supervisory Education Fellow (SEF), and a local Training Program Supervisor - holds a 3-hour monthly meeting in the conference room of a Denver church.

Recently we had a guest presentation by a 20-yr. old college student who is lesbian. She provided valuable information about the Gay, Lesbian, Bi-Sexual, Transgender, & Questioning (GLBTQ) community so we, as spiritual professionals, can be better informed and sensitive to issues faced by this population we serve.

With several candidates in our community, we are fully supporting and preparing them for the Certification process. Edee Charlton has agreed to be our Community's Certification Representative and she's working closely with the candidates on the steps to reach their professional designation.

Biggest Challenge! We know that the CSCPF was designed as a grass-roots organization. The biggest challenge I have faced as a Community Liaison is that I keep looking to 'the top' for the direction, the instruction, etc. for me to follow. I'm consistently told "that will be for your Community to determine." This TRULY is grass-roots governance, where our Community will be allowed to make decisions that will best serve our membership and our global community. Not only is that a paradigm shift for my brain to grasp, it's also a big responsibility. If CSCPF is to have the global recognition and respect as highly qualified Chaplains, etc., we as individual members must step up and see that that happens. Each and every Community member has a responsibility to become active and involved in decision-making as well as individual accountability for the quality of the professionals we certify.

Now that's exciting!!

- Certification Announcements -

CSCPF Associate Clinical Chaplain/Associate Spiritual Care Practitioner Certification Processes Released

The CSCPF Community Site now has guidelines, process steps, and checklists for [Associate Clinical Chaplain/Associate Spiritual Care Practitioner](#) certification. The CSCPF Working Group has affirmed that these activities will be based in the Practitioner Communities, which will inform CSCPF electronically when certification decisions are made. These instructions can be distributed to members, candidates, and interested non-members so that all can proceed without further delay to become "CSCPF Certified."

Certification is been a complex task in our Community's formation. The Standards Team, Certification Team and Working Group have developed a process that honors and trusts the wisdom of Practitioner Communities, provides the level of transparency and accountability required to uphold our CSCPF community values, and ensures a level of integrity and competence that is required by our profession and the public we serve. [Click here](#) to access this important information on the CSCPF Community website.

Many thanks are due to Wendy Jones and the Standards Team and Frank Munoz and the Certification Team who have worked hard to balance multiple individual, organizational and professional needs. Please call [\(925\) 658-5740](tel:925-658-5740), opt 4, if you have any questions.

Reciprocal Certification Update

The Certification Team is currently working on preparing and mailing out reciprocal certifications approved by CSCPF before April 15th, 2015. All other reciprocal certification requests dated after April 15th, 2015 will be facilitated by the candidate's Practitioner Community.

Please free to contact Frank Munoz, Certification Liaison, regarding the certification process at 925-658-5740, option 4, or email him at francisco.munoz@pvhmc.org

- CSCPF Announcements -

NOMINATIONS REQUEST

Soon a letter will be sent out to all Communities inviting nominations for the Fiduciary Council. The Fiduciary Council is the group who is responsible for all of the legal, corporate, financial, and business responsibilities of CSCPF. The Fiduciary Council works to support and further the mission and work of the Program Council.

CHANGES AT CSCPF (con't)

The Accreditation Team is under the leadership of the CSCPF Program Council. We are working diligently on our Accreditation Manual and hope to have it available to the CSCPF Community soon. If you have questions regarding the accreditation process, you can reach me at 479-957-8782."

According to our Governance Plan, this Council is nominated by members of the whole Community. The nominated individuals are then affirmed by a vote of the entire CSCPF membership. The Governance Development Team facilitates this entire process.

Nominations can be made by Communities (Practitioner, Learning, Serving) or by individuals. Because we are a grassroots organization, all nominations need emerge out of relational dialogue of members either informally or within Communities.

Later in July, two town hall meetings will be held to review the roles and responsibilities of the Fiduciary Council and to answer any questions there might be regarding this process. All nominations will be submitted electronically and immediately posted on the Community Website. In the first week of September, an election will be held to vote on the nominees. A vote will also be held to affirm the formal Bylaws of CSCPF.

Your Practitioner Community, Learning Center or Serving Site Facilitator will be receiving more information in the near future. Check with your Facilitator about when your Community will meet to make nominations to the Fiduciary Council.

CHANGES AT CSCPF

Accreditation Liaison

The entire CSCPF Community extends its heartfelt thanks to Roy Sanders for his dedicated work in developing the accreditation program for our learning centers. As the Accreditation Team Liaison, Roy has brought insight and wisdom to this huge task and has led us in our important first steps toward recognition by external agencies. Roy continues to serve on the CSCPF Interim Fiduciary Council and will remain engaged in the work of the accreditation team. Countless thanks are due to Roy for his work on this project and his leadership in our organization.

Welcome Claude John "CJ" Malone as the new Accreditation Liaison!

CJ says, "My role is to ensure that our accreditation standards and processes for

Certification Liaison

Many bows of gratitude to Geof Tio for his work as Certification Team Liaison. Geof has worked many days and weeks on fine tuning our levels of certification and fostering a team of trained Review Liaisons who will support Practitioner Communities in the certification process. Geof remains engaged with the Certification Team, but is taking a well deserved break from the leadership role. Thank you Geof for your creativity, wisdom and hard work.

Welcome Frank Munoz as the new Certification Liaison!

Frank says, "My role as certification liaison is to educate, guide, and network. Please free to contact me regarding any questions regarding the CSCPF certification process.

You can reach me at 925-658-5740, option 4, or email francisco.munoz@pvhmc.org."

Corporate Secretary / Organizational Liaison

CSCPF received the resignation of Greg Colley effective at the end of the summer. The Interim Fiduciary Council accepted his resignation with regret.

Greg serves as our Corporate Secretary and our contracted Organizational Liaison. He was an instrumental and vital person in the formation of our organization and has brought an amazing wealth of knowledge and experience in establishing the administrative and technological infrastructure of CSCPF.

Greg stated that his passion shifted and he wants to spent time and energy developing that passion; providing spiritual care. We know that Greg will remain part of CSCPF as he furthers his own clinical education in preparation for pastoral service.

The Interim Fiduciary Council is in the process of assessing the needs of CSCPF and formulating a plan to fill the roles and responsibilities that Greg has undertaken over the past year. The council is researching a number of promising options and will provide membership with updates as need.

Practitioner Communities, Learning-Formation Centers and Pastoral Psychotherapy/Counseling Programs are professionally functional and clearly communicated to our community and the general public.

On behalf of CSCPF we extend heartfelt thank you Greg for your countless hours of work and dedicated service.

---Roy Sanders, Paula Belleggie, John Jeffery
Interim Fiduciary Council

- COMMUNITY NEWS -

See why CSCPF membership is important to you!

Join us for our Fall Gathering in Scottsdale, Arizona Nov 1- 4, 2015

**Our theme is
"Compassion Renewal"**

In addition to being a working conference, we are offering an opportunity for you to Renew Your Compassion beginning with yourself.

Our Community members do so much compassionate giving and we want to invite you to be compassionately given to for a few days.

You will also learn about and participate in current events, process and projects in our CSCPF Community.

We will also have small working groups so you may bring a case study to share or get consultation and support for your clinical ministry.

**Location: The Casa - Franciscan
Renewal Center, 5802 E. Lincoln
Drive, Scottsdale AZ 85253**

**Registration information to
follow soon!**

Middlesex Hospital Open House

***You are invited to come
and explore...***

Spiritual Care and Pastoral Formation

Open House on July 25th, 2015

**Middlesex Hospital
Goodwin Conference Center
29 Crescent St, Middletown CT**

A formal presentation
will begin at 10:00am

The center will be open
until 12:30pm for information
and questions

In September, Middlesex Hospital will host a unit of CPE for 13 weeks. CPE is an experiential learning program offered to community interfaith clergy, students of divinity/ministry, and other allied healthcare professionals. The CPE program is both a multicultural and interfaith experience that uses real life ministry encounters. It emphasizes the following competencies: Self-knowledge/ Awareness, Critical Theological Reflection, Ethics, and Intercultural Awareness.

**Come learn about this CPE program
the CSCPF Community.**

**RSVP: Michele Eggleton at 860-358-6735
or michele.eggleton@midhosp.org**



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