



Spirit MATTERS

Newsletter for CSCPF Members and Friends



CENTER for SPIRITUAL CARE & PASTORAL FORMATION
EMPOWERING PEOPLE, NOURISHING COMMUNITIES

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CSCPF Celebrates its First Year!

The Fall of 2015 marks the first full year since CSCPF came into existence. We have accomplished many things such as establishing a grass-roots and community-centered governance, development of new certification standards and processes for several levels of professional certification, creation of accreditation standards for Learning Centers, major revision of our website and organized two member-wide events.

There are many other big and small things we have accomplished. It hasn't been an easy year. There have been many moments of challenge as we have worked through multiple issues which have been complex and at times perplexing. Many of these challenges would have been easy to solve if we had a 'top-down' form of governance. Yet, in every decision, we have earnestly tried to maintain our philosophical commitment to allowing the wisdom of the membership speak.

Throughout the year, a dedicated group of individuals have served CSCPF as Functional Team members/leaders, as representatives on the Fiduciary Council, as coordinators of communications, in maintaining our books and paying our bills. We are grateful for all who have given of their time and spirit! It has been a tremendous amount of work! And there is still lots to do.

In CSCPF, all Functional Teams are open to participation by any member. All you have to do is raise you hand and

This issue:

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- **FIDUCIARY COUNCIL Elected**
- **FALL GATHERING - Nov 1-4**



We have a NEW WEBSITE!

Starting today, when you go to cscpf.org you will enter a new portal for **The CENTER for SPIRITUAL CARE & PASTORAL FORMATION**.

volunteer. Your gift of time and wisdom will be deeply appreciated.

CSCPF is unlike any other professional spiritual care organization. The best way to experience our uniqueness is to get involved. We invite your participation.

John Jeffery

CSCPF News - Fiduciary Council Elected

The first elected CSCPF Fiduciary Council is now a reality!

Last month, the membership elected and affirmed the slate of individuals who were nominated by Practitioner Communities and groups of members in CSCPF.

The Fiduciary Council is entrusted with the legal, financial, corporate, risk management and external relations responsibilities of CSCPF. This Council works closely and in a supportive manner with the Program Council, which is entrusted to implement the program goals of CSCPF.

In the upcoming weeks, the Fiduciary Council will be meeting to familiarize themselves with our Organization's bylaws, organize leadership of the Council and determine how they will best represent our diverse membership. More information about the Fiduciary Council will be available by the Scottsdale gathering and subsequent issue of Spirit Matters.

The members of the Fiduciary Council are listed below:

Don Oyao
Rebecca Williams
Andrew Harriott
Tootsie Escandor
Aimee Niles
John Loya
Elaine Barry
Katrina Yap
Jan Huneycutt-Lightner
Paula Belleggie*
John Jeffery*
Roy Sanders*

* Interim Members who may continue until the conclusion of their terms in office

We hope you will like what you see. There have been many people working on this project since the Spring Gathering, amassing well over 1000's of volunteer hours to get the site up and going. Thank you to our partners at Nicasio Designs who have turned our needs for user friendliness, functionality and our design ideas into reality!

Is the website perfect? Far from it, but we are working towards providing easier access to the information you need and desire.

Is it an improvement? Yes. It's designed to be flexibly accessible from your desktop, laptop, tablet and phone. There are a number of new features on the website, each accessible through the home page. We'll keep this updated as information and resources are added.

The simplified website design should make it much easier to find what you are looking for and discover new resources to help ease certification as well as be a support to your work in the communities you serve.

We worked to make this transition seamless, but our virtual move has forced re-prioritizing some projects, caused some disruptions, and occasionally sparked emergency calls for assistance. Thank you for your patience and, equally, thank you for your support.

Upcoming Event

CSCPF Fall Gathering in Scottsdale, AZ
at the Franciscan Renewal Center
Sun. Nov 1 – Wed. November 4, 2015

November 1st is coming up quickly!
Register now!

**Come to the desert for
healing and transformation!**
**Join us as we explore
Compassion Renewal and Self-Care**

What Will You Find at the Fall Gathering?

- Knowledgeable speakers on the topics of compassion fatigue, burn-out, stress, self-care, and rejuvenation techniques
- Panel Discussions
- Small Groups for mentoring and personal support and encouragement
- Spiritual rituals (meditations, mindfulness walks, labyrinth, chanting, etc.)
- Overview of CSCPF – Certifications, Accreditations, Standards, Communications, Events, Governance, and Fiduciary Team Reports and Updates, and time to get your questions answered.
- Light-hearted, fun evening activities (desert walk in the moonlight, enjoying the hot tub and heated pool, socializing with colleagues, movie watching)
- Healthy, delicious meals in a serene and relaxing setting
- Certification Panels (if pre-arranged with your Certification Liaisons)

**Join us for this community adventure
in paradise... Register now!**
Go to our Events page

Welcome MakrisWorks

In September CSCPF has entered into a contract with MakrisWorks. MakrisWorks is a professional business that provides administrative and organizational support for non-profits.

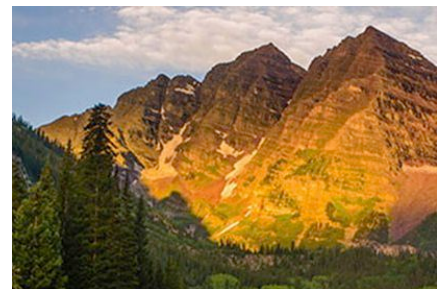
Our primary contact with MakrisWorks is Mary Tetreau. Mary will be working in many capacities ranging from website maintenance, to sending our correspondence, to answering the phone. It will take Mary a bit of time to get fully 'on board' with our operations. In the next few



Let's Do What We Do Best!

As we move from focusing on the immediacy of the organizational tasks at hand, we have an opportunity to engage in what we do best... attend to the relational quality of serving and caring for ourselves, each other, our communities and Spirit, however it manifests for each of us!

Let us not forget, it is the reason we chose to do the work we bring to the world and exist as an organization. Our **FALL GATHERING** in Scottsdale AZ Nov 1-4 provides a wonderful opportunity to deepen our connection!



SUPPORT US!

months we hope you will get a chance to meet Mary and welcome her to CSCPF.

JOIN US!

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

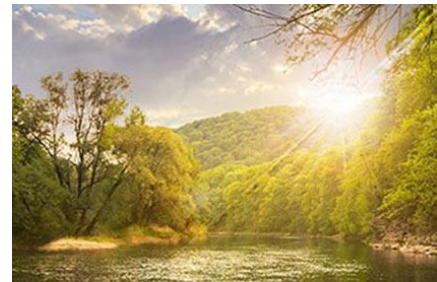
So join as an individual, and find a Practitioner Community or you may also establish your own Practitioner Community with a few other people.

More information can be found on our [**JOIN US!**](#) page.

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 invite you, if you are so moved, to try out our new [**SUPPORT US!**](#) page via the website.

We need to ensure that it is functioning properly, so if you are considering a donation, please give it a try.



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