

Spring 2015 Newsletter



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NCCA fall conference highlights resilience



CONFERENCE LEADERS *The NCCA fall 2014 conference was headlined by Chaplains Bob Hamilton (above), speaking on the “Code Lavender” program for staff support at Moses Cone Health System, and Elizabeth Morse (right) sharing her award-winning “Mindfulness Compassion” program that is part of employee orientation at Carolinas Healthcare System facilities.*



NETWORKING *Participants appreciated opportunities to get acquainted and reacquainted with their professional colleagues during the breaks between sessions throughout the day.*

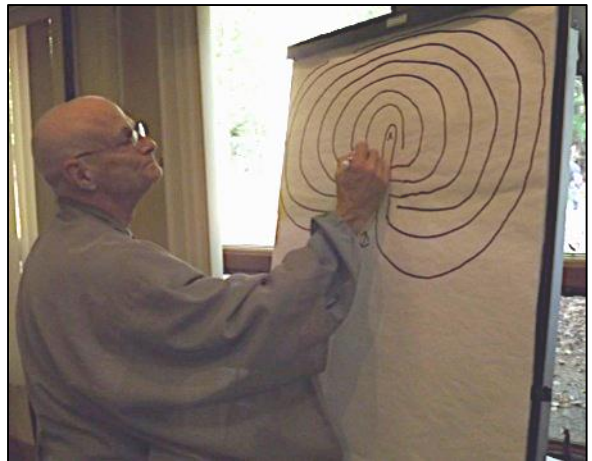




INNOVATIVE IDEAS

Chaplains were challenged to choose from among four creative breakout sessions at the Fall Conference, including Hand Massage led by Jennifer Cox, Guided Imagery led by Elizabeth Morse, Therapeutic Writing led by Heidi Gessner, and "Sawdust of Chaplaincy" led by Ric Durham. These options led one chaplain to comment, "My only complaint is that there are too many good options to choose from!"

FROM TOP LEFT: Twyla Nelson and Justin Nelson, mother-and-son hospice chaplains, practice hand massage on each other. James Harrison, chaplain at CMC NorthEast, displays his jar of sawdust. The jar is full of slips of paper that are positive memories / images to pull out and read for self-care and resiliency when having a stressful day. Chaplains were treated to a blessing of the hands. Chaplain Ryusho Jeffus from Charlotte leads the group in a meditation moment.



2014 a year of accomplishment and celebration



Greetings NCCA friends,
As we look back at 2014, there is a lot to celebrate in the NCCA. Over the past year we:

1. Welcomed 36 New Members!
2. Had a wonderful 50th Anniversary Spring Meeting,
3. Honored Karen Moore as Chaplain of the Year,
4. Held a successful Fall Education meeting with full capacity attendance,
5. Added several new Executive Committee Members including: Publicity – Melanie Childers, Advocacy – Sandra

Casey, Secretary – Patricia Cadle, Vice-President – Cynthia Vaughan, Marketing – Sara Stubbs,

6. Through the leadership of our Advocacy Committee, responded to three chaplain position eliminations by supporting chaplains and sending letters to administrators,
7. Added a Board Certification workshop at the fall meeting,
8. Published two excellent newsletters,
9. Sent an email to members honoring them for Pastoral Care Week,
10. Continued to run a tight budget while making the necessary expenditures to keep our association running.

All of these accomplishments are the result of a great team of volunteers who make up your executive committee. Please thank them when you get a chance!

I'm very excited about our Spring Conference, which you will read about in Darryl Jefferson's article. We'll meet at a new location, Camp Dogwood, located on the shore of Lake Norman in Sherrill's Ford. We look forward to seeing you there!

Peace,
Beth Jackson-Jordan
NCCA President

SAVE THE DATE!

NCCA Fall 2015 Conference

October 1, 2015
Haw River State Park

Chaplain of the Year nominations sought

Nominator of awardee attends spring conference free

By Cynthia Vaughan
NCCA Vice President

Now's your chance! It is not every day that we get to publically recognize and honor one of our own.

Each year the North Carolina Chaplains' Association selects a member to receive the organizations' esteemed designation of Chaplain of the Year! It's that time of the year, as nominations are due by March 1.

We invite you to scan our membership list for persons who exemplify traits of professional chaplaincy that you deem worthy of recognition. Consider ways in which the chaplain contributes and honors the field of Pastoral Care/Chaplaincy; supports colleagues and advocates for professional chaplaincy and pastoral care; educates the care-community in helpful ways; and actively participates in the North Carolina Chaplains' Association. Do you think others see what you see? If so, log into your membership account on the NCCA website at <https://chaplainsnc.com/news-announcements/chaplain-of-the-year-nomination-form/> and complete the nomination form. It only takes a few minutes. Then invite persons who also recognize the professionalism displayed by your colleague and have them write letters supporting the nomination.

Other than the acknowledgement of their giftedness and talents, the Chaplain of the Year receives a nice monetary award along with professional and hometown publicity of the accomplishment. But that's not all! If your nominee wins Chaplain of the Year, you will receive free registration to the Spring Conference where the awardee will be announced. Help us raise the bar of professional chaplaincy by shining the spotlight on a deserving pastoral caregiver.

NCCA Chaplain of the Year Recipients

Agnes Barry	Beverly Jessup
Tony Biles	Jane Litzinger
Michael Bostian	Shirley Massey
Harry Burns	Marcia McQueen
Patricia Cadle	Karen Moore
Melanie Childers	Nancy Osborn
Robert Ford	Janice Wakefield
Lil Galphin	

NCCA seeks treasurer, education chair

Do you just love playing around with numbers in your spare time? If so, you may be the perfect candidate for the NCCA Treasurer position. Current treasurer, Wanda Burton-Crutchfield, has one year left in her position. We are looking for a candidate to be her successor who could also be mentored by her over the next year.

Do you enjoy organizing and planning events? If so, please consider the role of NCCA Education Chair. Current chair, Darryl Jefferson, will be rotating out of this position in the next few months and we need someone to fill that role.

Participating in the NCCA executive committee is a great way to develop strong relationships with colleagues and give back to your professional discipline. Plus, it can be enriching and fun. NCCA has succeeded for 50 years because chaplains like you stepped up to keep it operating. For more information about these positions, please contact Beth Jackson-Jordan or Barry Morris.

APC Area 6 (NC & VA) certification interviews March 19-20, 2015

Board certified chaplains are invited to promote professional chaplaincy by serving on Certification Committees to interview candidates pursuing board certification status. Fully Board Certified Chaplains and Associate Certified Chaplains are eligible and welcome to serve. Contact David Fambrough, 2015-2016 Area 6 Certification Chairperson, at 252-847-2502, or at dfambrou@vidanthealth.com to volunteer.

Board certified chaplains needed to mentor new chaplains

If you are a Board Certified Chaplain and are willing to serve as a mentor for chaplains pursuing board certified status, or if you are a chaplain entering the board certification application process and want to experience the benefits of receiving invaluable guidance on your journey, contact David Fambrough, 2015-2016 Area 6 Certification Chairperson, at 252-847-2502, or at dfambrou@vidanthealth.com. David can partner mentors with new chaplains seeking mentors.

50 for 50 campaign a success

For the 2013-2014 fiscal year, the NCCA embarked on an effort to increase membership by 50 members, in honor of the organization's 50th anniversary. "Our 50 for 50 campaign was a success!," reports treasurer Wanda Burton-Crutchfield. "We had 102 folks pay membership fees in 2014 that did not do so in 2013. We believe that 39 of these folks are brand-new-to-the-organization members. The larger number, 63 members, returned to us after a gap in payment."

The enhanced membership features on our website, better communication regarding membership dues, and the attention brought to membership renewal and initiation in the 50 for 50 campaign contributed to the increase in membership, Burton-Crutchfield explained. "We finished 2014 with 145 members, 26 of whom are Associate Members and 3 Retired Members. Thank you for your efforts to spotlight the value of membership in the North Carolina Chaplains' Association."

50th anniversary coffee mugs still available

NCCA has an overstock of 50th anniversary commemorative mugs and will be offering them for sale for \$10 (cash or check) at the spring conference. These one-of-a-kind mugs are handmade by the Original Owens Pottery in Seagrove. Our logo and name appear on the mug. The date is marked on the bottom 1964-2014.



Ken Walden to headline Spring conference



Rev. Dr. Ken J. Walden earned his master of divinity degree from Duke Divinity School. He is also a graduate of The Citadel, and earned his Ph.D. in Practical Theology with an emphasis in Pastoral Care and Counseling from Claremont School of Theology. Dr. Walden is an Ordained Elder in the United Methodist Church and a Clergy Member of the California Pacific Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. He

has extensive pastoral ministry experience across the East-coast, Mid-west and West-coast of the United States of America. He has served as a university chaplain and military chaplain in the United States Air Force Reserves and holds the current rank of Major. Dr. Walden is the author of "A Pastor's Poetry: Volume One" and "Challenges Faced by Iraq War Reservists and Their Families."

Spring meeting features new format, venue

Darryl Jefferson

NCCA Education Chair

Having sought feedback from NCCA members about the duration of its various conferences, the executive committee has chosen a shorter format for the 2015 spring conference. The association will meet for a full day on Thursday, April 23, with an optional “retreat” setting on the morning of Friday, April 24. Leaders hope that more chaplains will be able to take advantage of the educational opportunities with only one day’s commitment away from their offices.

The annual spring conference will be held this year at the Meeting and Retreat Center at Camp Dogwood in Sherrills Ford, NC, off of Lake Norman. The facility is owned by the North Carolina Lions Club, and its accommodations are similar to other facilities NCCA has used. Located on the banks of Lake Norman and nestled in forest and pastureland, the center provides a natural environment away from the stress of professional demands. Feel free to Google “NC Lions Club” or “Camp Dogwood” for more information about the facility.

This year’s theme is “Multicultural Dynamics in Pastoral Care and Counseling.” The Rev. Dr. Ken J. Walden, Director of Supervised Ministry and Associate Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling at Hood Theological Seminary, will lead the conference. Dr. Walden’s session topics are: Significant Dynamics in Multicultural Pastoral Care and Counseling, Important Components of Diversity with Supervised Ministry, and Respectfully Acknowledging the Unknown...and Appreciating the Holy.

This theme began as a conversation between two chaplains discussing current events in the media and in many of our neighborhoods. “I hope all will be able to attend to connect with and reunite with other chaplains across the state and ‘carry on the conversation,’” said education chair Darryl Jefferson.

The daylong event will conclude with the annual Chaplain of the Year banquet. The morning of April 24 will feature a guided renewal retreat for those who are able to stay. More information about the retreat will be delivered closer to the date.



Spring Conference: Multicultural Dynamics in Pastoral Care and Counseling

April 23-24, 2015

Camp Dogwood Meeting and Retreat Center, Sherrills Ford, NC

Schedule of Events

Thursday, April 23, 2015

8:00am Registration

8:45am Welcome

9:00am Session I: *Significant Dynamics in Multicultural Pastoral Care and Counseling*

Rev. Dr. Ken Walden, BA, MDiv, DMin, PhD
Associate Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling
Director of Supervised Ministry Program
Hood Theological Seminary

10:30am Break

10:45am Session II: *Important Components of Diversity within Supervised Ministry*

Ken Walden

12:00pm Lunch

1:00pm Business Session

Executive Committee

2:00pm Session III: *Respectfully Acknowledging the Unknown...and Appreciating the Holy*

Ken Walden

3:30pm Q & A/Evaluations

3:45pm Free Time

6:00pm Chaplain of the Year Banquet

Friday, April 24, 2014

8:30-10:30am Waken, Wait and Wonder

Rev. Marcia McQueen, MDiv, BCC
APC Board Certified Chaplain
Endorsed and Ordained by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

Thursday Education/Banquet Registration

NCCA Members: \$75

Non-Members: \$90

Friday Spiritual Renewal and Retreat Registration

NCCA Members: \$25

Non-Members: \$40

Room Costs

Private Room: \$80 Semi-Private with NCCA Member: \$50 Semi-Private with non-member guest: \$100

A total of 6.5 CEUs will be offered. Cancelled registrations will incur a processing fee.

To register, visit www.ncchaplains.com.

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