



President's Message

Since this is my first of a few articles for the newsletter, let me begin by saying thank you for the opportunity to serve the North Carolina Chaplains Association in the role of President.

From my first opportunity to serve as Membership Chair, as a second year CPE resident, throughout my other positions as Secretary, Publicity Char, and most recently as Vice President, I have loved serving this organization. We have a rich history that spans many years, and will cover many more.

As the NCCA, we have seen many members come and go. I encourage each of us as current members to reach out to those who are presently serving as chaplains in any capacity, and invite them to rejoin us, or to join us for the first time.

Each time we meet as a group, I get enriched by the many exchanges we experience with one another. I get energized to keep ticking like the Energizer Bunny. Especially for those chaplains, who are alone in their various facilities, it is important to continue to cultivate our community of support for all chaplains working within North Carolina.

I remember serving initially in Elizabeth Stroop's presidency. At that time, our focus was to restructure ourselves financially, and we did it. Under Richard Hunt and Shay Crenshaw, we successfully worked on becoming more solvent financially, and we did it. Under Jackie Allen's presidency, we worked on transitioning to retreat centers to make conferences more affordable, and we're still doing it successfully.

Since we are financially healthy, in an unhealthy economy, I would like to see us work on ourselves in relating to each other as members. For example, one of our past presidents has stated that he doesn't hear much information about members in between conferences. Therefore, as members, we are sometimes very late in hearing about tragedies and celebrations from our members. Jackie Allen, as the past president, is spear heading this project to improve our communication as the NCCA. Patricia Cadle and Teresa McIlwain are working on archiving our history to make it more accessible to the membership.

These are the very first projects we have begun. What would you like to see from us as the NCCA? We are doing great, but can always do better. Please feel free to send me your suggestions. Remember the NCCA represents all of us; and as the Executive Committee, we want to do what we can to meet the needs of you, whom we serve.

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Save the Date!

NCCA Spring Conference

April 27-29, 2011

**Gateway Conference Center
 Hickory, NC**

“The Chaplain’s Story: Celebrating Who We Are”

Greetings fellow NC Chaplains. I don’t know about you, but I am one happy person to see fall approaching. What a hot summer we have experienced all over NC but especially “up here in these mountains”. With the changing of the seasons brings time to reflect upon the past as well as what lies ahead. Whether you are a seasoned chaplain or just beginning your ministry, join us this fall as we look back, as well as forward, into our own chaplain story.

Our theme this year is : “**The Chaplain’s Story: Celebrating Who We Are**” with Beth Jackson-Jordan, David Johnson, Karen Moore and Sara Stratton (see page 4 for more information on speakers).

Whether a chaplain is Board Certified, wants to become certified, or has no desire to become certified, the NCCA Fall Conference will celebrate who we all are as Chaplains and affirm the diverse roles of Chaplains in the real world. The focus will draw from how the competencies adopted by the 6 cognate groups for certification impact/highlight excellent pastoral care, and reflect the unique work/ gifts of chaplains in facilities and in the community. Three sessions will provide different interactive opportunities to hear and to express:

- What helps professional chaplains to learn and to grow in knowledge and experience
- Where chaplains are serving today and what is needed to sustain personal and professional health, integrity and balance
- How to equip chaplains for their different roles in the future as providers of pastoral care

In session 3 chaplains will be able to explore how to affirm their work and consider resources for the future. Small groups led by a variety of facilitators will meet based on similar interests and needs:

- Interest in implementing competencies into CPE programs
- Interest in assistance with certification and understanding competencies
- Interest in becoming/ continuing to be a mentor to chaplains
- Interest in serving on certification committees
- Interest in continuing to tell the Chaplain story

As you can see, something for everyone, at every stage of their ministry.

I look forward to seeing each of you on October 21, 2010 at Caraway. If you have any questions regarding the day or other educational opportunities, please feel free to contact me.

Blessings,

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Share Our History!

Patricia Cadle and Teresa McIlwain have agreed to take on the task of archiving the history of the NCCA. The organization began in the 60’s, many of you were there, so things have sure evolved over the years. Patricia and Teresa are putting a call out to all the NCCA members who may have pictures or memorabilia from the organization’s history that they may be willing to share for this purpose. If you do, please send to:

UNC-Hospitals, Pastoral Care Dept
c/o Patricia Cadle
101 Manning Dr.
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

or e-mail at pcadle@unch.unc.edu.



**NORTH CAROLINA CHAPLAINS' ASSOCIATION
FALL EDUCATION DAY 2010
REGISTRATION**

_____ Check if any information is new or changed

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: (____ Home; ____ Office): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Institution/Church: _____

Email Address: _____

*NCCA Fall Education Conference
Caraway Conference Center, Asheboro, NC*

“The Chaplain’s Story: Celebrating Who We Are”

Thursday, October 21st, 2010

9:00am – 3:00pm

(lunch included in registration fee)

Caraway – Asheboro, NC

Member/Associate Member	\$40.	\$ _____
CPE Student	\$25.	\$ _____
Non-Member	\$45.	\$ _____
Add Late Fee after (September 28 th)	\$15.	\$ _____

(Registration fee includes lunch at Caraway)

Regular _____ Vegetarian _____

Total: \$ _____

Note: No refunds can be granted after October 1st registration deadline.

RETURN THIS FORM, along with your check payable to NC Chaplains' Association, to:

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NCCA offers up to 0.5 CCE (continuing chaplaincy education) units for this meeting.
This involves no additional cost to you. Certificates will be available at the end of the Conference.

CARAWAY INFORMATION
Caraway Conference Center and Camp
PO Box 36
Asheboro, NC 27204
www.caraway.org

Fall Education Day Speakers

Rev. Beth Jackson-Jordan, M.Div., BCC, ACPE Supervisor
Assistant Director, Clinical Pastoral Education
Carolinas Medical Centers—North East



Rev. Dr. David Johnson, BCC, ACPE Supervisor
Assistant Director, Clinical Pastoral Education
Carolinas Medical Centers—Charlotte



Rev. Karen Moore, M.Div., BCC
Chaplain
Aldersgate Retirement Community
Charlotte, NC



Sara Stratton, M.Div., BCC
Staff Chaplain
Carolinas Medical Centers—Pineville

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Pictured

Greetings from APC State Leadership

Greetings from the state leadership team of the Association of Professional Chaplains! Below are brief introductions and information about how the team can be of support to you as a Chaplain serving in North Carolina. Please communicate any needs or success stories about your effective ministries to any of the persons listed below.

Ric Durham, State Continuing Education Chair: Ric Durham is the Spiritual Care Director for Hospice & Palliative Care of Cabarrus County. He has been a chaplain for nine years, and is endorsed by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. Prior to chaplaincy, he served N. C. churches as a staff minister and pastor for fifteen years. The State Continuing Education Chair supports you by assisting in connections to continuing education events across the state, supporting chaplains as they complete continuing education and coordinating at least one education event for the state. You may contact Ric at Ric.Durham@hpccc.org.

Michelle Smith, State Advocacy Chair: Michelle Smith is a Clinical Chaplain at Cape Fear Valley Health System in Fayetteville. Previously she served as a Hospice chaplain and she is endorsed by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. She and her husband Mark have been married for 5 years and make their home in the Fayetteville area. The State Advocacy Chair supports you by advocating for APC-affiliated chaplains at the state level, addressing any legislative issues related to the role of professional chaplain and advocating for the role of professional chaplains within institutional hiring practices and bioethics. You may contact Michelle at MSMIT7@capefearvalley.com or (910)615-6363.

Marcia McQueen, State Membership Chair: Marcia McQueen is the Director of Chaplaincy Services at Morehead Memorial Hospital in Eden. She has had experience as a Hospice chaplain and educator as well. She is endorsed by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and has been a Board Certified Chaplain since 2004 and is in her third year as State Membership Chair. The State Membership Chair supports you by maintaining contact with members, facilitating mentors for certification candidates (in partnership with the area certification chair), and encourages CPE students and chaplains to seek Board Certification and/or connection to the APC. You may contact Marcia at mmcqueen@morehead.org.

Jeanell Cox, State Representative: Jeanell Cox is the Director of Spiritual Care Services at Johnston Health in Smithfield. She is endorsed by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and has been a chaplain for 10 years. She has served the last 7 years at Johnston Health. She is married to Christopher Ingram, pastor of Sharon Baptist Church in Smithfield, and they raise two wonderful sons: Nathaniel is age 2 and Isaac is age 1. The state representative is charged with supporting the needs and successes of APC-affiliated Chaplains to the larger APC body. You may contact Jeanell at jcox@johnstonhealth.org or 919-209-3655.

Spring Conference 2010 Recap

For many of us, the Spring conference of the NCCA is an event we mark on our calendars each year as we look forward to gathering again with colleagues and friends to rest, reflect, and rejuvenate. Below are some comments and highlights from the most recent conference.

The Spring conference was held at Haw River State Park, outside of Greensboro, NC. The setting was peaceful and relaxing and the weather was fantastic! Our conference speaker for the weekend was Robert Lawrence Friedman, who led the group in three sessions involving the theory and practice of creating a healthy balance in our lives. There were many hands on activities in each session, which proved to strike a chord with participants, especially the drumming session. Here are a few comments from attendees:

“Wonderful location, In a very basic way it touched some deep issues. Plenty of time to think, meditate, socialize, pray, and enjoy each other.”

“The speaker was well prepared and exercised wisdom in the way he facilitated our conference. He gave us helpful tools to use in our personal and professional lives to bring healing and balance. Lots of good energy and resources to take back for myself and those I serve.”

“The location alone helped me de-stress and I would vote for this always!!”

New Hanover Regional Medical Center CPE student and first time conference attendee Melanie Swoford commented: “It was an amazing experience to learn how to care for myself and how to breathe. I took it as an opportunity to learn from others who have experience in my field. They taught me ways to care for myself as I care for others. It was wonderful to have an opportunity to meet people who could shine a light on this world and help me begin learning about what I really want and where I desire to work.”

Another annual highlight of the Spring conference was the recognition of the “Chaplain of the Year” (see page 6). **Beverly Jessup**, chaplain at First Health Moore Regional Hospital in West End, NC was this year’s recipient of the award. Congratulations to Beverly!



Chaplain Beverly Jessup (left) receiving his award at the NCCA 2010 Annual Meeting at Haw River State Park

Looking Forward: Spring Conference 2011

If you read the above feature on the Spring conference from 2010 and wish you had been able to attend, keep in mind that we have another conference for the Spring already in the works! From April 27-29, we will gather at the Gateway Conference Center in Hickory, North Carolina for our 2011 Spring Conference. Kelli Walker-Jones and Dick Hester are the scheduled speakers/facilitators for this conference. Please mark your calendars for this event and look for more details in our Spring 2011 newsletter around the end of February/beginning of March.



Spring Conference 2011

Dates: April 27-29
Location: Gateway Conference Center,
Hickory, NC

Look for more details in next Spring's newsletter!

Kelli Walker-Jones and **Dick Hester** are co-directors of the Narrative Leadership Project at Triangle Pastoral [Counseling](#) – a program that provides ongoing groups, workshops, consultation, and mentoring for clergy and lay leaders. This program grew out of TPC's Sustaining Pastoral Excellence Project (2002-2009), funded by the Lilly Endowment. That project created long-term narrative clergy peer groups that sustained ministers and provided research on which the current Narrative Leadership Project is based. The nature of this project is fully described in their book *Know Your Story and Lead with It: The Power of Narrative in Clergy Leadership* (Herndon, VA: Alban Institute, 2009).

See the website www.narrativeleaders.com for more information.



NORTH CAROLINA CHAPLAINS' ASSOCIATION

Fall Education Day—October 21, 2010
Caraway Conference Center, Asheboro, NC

“The Chaplain’s Story: Celebrating Who We Are”

Conference Schedule

8:00	Registration
9:00	Welcome
9:15	Session I
10:30	Break
10:45	Session II
12:00	Lunch
1:15	Session III
2:45	Question & Answer
3:00	Evaluations and Closing

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Call or email for additional copies of
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Nominate Someone for 2011 Chaplain of the Year!

Calling all Chaplains

As many of you know, each year we solicit chaplains across the state to submit the names of colleagues you consider exceptional at promoting and working in the field of Chaplaincy Services. Many Chaplains are adverse to this kind of recognition. However, it is a great way to show the value of your work in the field of Spiritual Care by being nominated by your colleagues.

The guidelines used to make decisions are clearly outlined on www.ncchaplains.com under *Chaplain of the year*. As the description says, no one person will meet all of the guidelines, but persons you see as being a positive influence in spiritual care and chaplaincy services are strong candidates.

On a separate note at our June meeting, we batted around the idea of finding a way to keep our former leaders involved in NCCA. Historically when someone serves a term in a leadership position and then rotates off, we lose contact with them. This is a loss to the NCCA and I'm sure a loss to the former leader's networking/support community. In addition, chaplains who retire have plenty of wisdom to offer those of us active in the field, as they transition into a new life of ministry. If you have any ideas on how to keep former leaders involved in the NCCA or a way to honor and value our retired chaplains, please contact me at bmorris@randolphhospital.org.

Blessings to you and yours,
Barry Morris
NCCA Vice President



Submit your nomination today!