



*President's Message*

**Meet Us in Hickory**

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at our Annual Spring Conference in Hickory, NC. As you read this newsletter, you will see other articles that give you the details of this conference. Our Spring conference is a time where we, as members and potential members, gather together to learn how to be more effective as pastoral care givers to all we serve.

The conference is also a time where we can fellowship with each other. We read your comments in your various evaluations asking for more time for fellowship. Because of your request, we have designated lunch on Thursday as a time where we will eat together instead of going to different restaurants for a free time of lunch.

Our North Carolina Chaplains' Association is strong because of each of you as members. We continue to encourage each of you to make your voices heard through your evaluations and through your direct requests to our Executive Committee. What is it you want as a member?

What do you feel will make our organization stronger and more effective? Let us hear from you. We are a wonderful group of chaplains from different religions and spiritualities. We represent different places of ministry. We are different in so many ways – this is our strength. Next year's Spring Conference will be our election year. Four of the positions are elected and the rest are appointed. If you are interested in any position, talk to the person who holds that position presently. How do you want to become involved? How can you do your part in making this organization even better than it is? It is up to you.

See you in Hickory,  
Darryl



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SPRING 2011 NEWSLETTER

**NORTH CAROLINA  
CHAPLAINS' ASSOCIATION**

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**"Know Your Story and Lead with It"**  
NCCA Spring Conference  
April 28-29, 2011

Gateway Hotel & Conference Center  
Hickory, NC

## Gateway Hotel & Conference Center

The site of our conference this year is the Gateway Hotel and Conference Center, located off Hwy 321 in Hickory. For those who stay overnight, a continental breakfast will be provided. Rooms are \$64.00 per night and attendees are responsible for making their own reservations.

Click [here](#) to access the website for the conference center.

**Make your Reservations today!!**



## Nearby Areas of Interest

The location of this year's conference in Hickory offers attendees the opportunity to extend the weekend if desired, and take in many attractions in the area. If you decide to hang around for an extra night or two, you will be able to receive the conference rate for your room at Gateway. Listed below are nearby towns and their distance from Hickory.

***Robert Ford has materials on area attractions for those who wish to stay.***

Morganton 25 miles  
Asheville 68 miles  
Boone 44 miles  
Blowing Rock 37 miles  
Charlotte 59 miles  
Greensboro 103 miles



## *The Power of Narrative*

As I write this article, I'm enjoying my new role as a chaplain in the hospice community in my area. In hospice work, patients and families like to tell stories. Stories about how they were healthy one day and dying the next. Stories about Uncle Joe and Aunt Susie and how they survived living during the depression era. Stories about the grandchild whose new school portrait they recently received.

Sometimes I hear stories that have more questions than answers. Stories with endings out of someone's control, which seemingly only bring pain and heartbreak. There are stories too that I hear where patients are ready to "meet their maker". All the people I minister to have one thing in common: they have a story to tell. I think I am more humbled by this than anything else I do as a chaplain. In the work that we all do as chaplains, we have the incredible privilege to be a witness to the life of an individual because of the stories he or she shares with us.

Narrative leaders take a curious, not-knowing position toward problems and opportunities. Because they listen with great care to the narratives others tell they are able to find clues to forgotten stories that are hidden from view. In April we will explore ways to access your stories in pastoral care and consider leadership from a narrative perspective. We will look at the stories of our lives through early memories, a case presentation model and our current leadership.

I hope you will join me this April 28-29, 2011 for our Spring Conference as we are introduced to narrative leadership. Reverend Kelli Walker-Jones and Dr. Richard Hester will lead: "**Know Your Story and Lead with It: The Power of Narrative in Pastoral Care**".

## *Notion in Motion*

You spoke  and we listened! 

***Welcome to our new "Notion in Motion" corner!***

A suggestion was made by a member at the 2010 fall education day that we as an organization do more to help folks connect around their chaplain "specific" discipline. We hear you and will offer time over lunch on Thursday, April 28 for you to sit with your "own kind". Be sure to look for the "table topic toppers" to find where you want to sit and engage in conversation. Possibilities may include: hospice, hospital, long term care, and prison chaplaincy. There also may be a table for those who want to sit in silence and chill!

We want NCCA to be an organization that you respect, are proud to be a member and will recommend to others. We will continue to listen to your suggestions and implement your ideas, so keep them coming!

Susan Bumgarner,  
M.A.R.E.  
Education Chair



## *Pre-Conference Hosts*

Our hosts for the Spring Conference this year are Larry Bolick, Paul Birkedal, and Robert Ford, notoriously known as “The Three Amigos.” Our hosts are doing their part to get the conference off to a great start by hosting a reception Wednesday night from 7-9pm before the conference.

Conference attendees can expect to receive a warm welcome to Hickory from the city’s Mayor, Rudy Wright.

During Thursday night’s banquet, participants will be treated to the smooth sounds of jazz, which will set the tone for an evening of relaxation and celebration.

As mentioned elsewhere, Robert has information about local activities and points of interest available to those who wish to extend their stay after the conference.

Please take time during the conference to seek out the “Three Amigos” and thank them for their hospitality!



Conference hosts left to right: Larry Bolick, Paul Birkedal, and Robert Ford — “The Three Amigos”

## *Pre Conference Seminar*

### **Healing Touch Workshop – 7:30- 9:00pm**

**Led by Chaplain Jackie Allen, Healing Touch Practitioner  
Director, Pastoral Care & Counseling  
Alamance Regional Hospital**



One primary goal of pastoral care has always been to guide ourselves and those to whom we minister to healing and wholeness. In recent years Healing Touch has become a new tool many chaplains have explored to expand the ministry they provide.

In this exciting pre-conference workshop participants will be introduced to the basics of Healing Touch and together explore how Healing Touch can be integrated into our work as chaplains and counselors.

**NORTH CAROLINA CHAPLAINS' ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL SPRING MEETING 2011  
REGISTRATION AND ANNUAL DUES**

\_\_\_\_\_ Check if you are a new member.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: ( \_\_\_\_\_ Home; \_\_\_\_\_ Office): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution/Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

***NCCA Annual Spring Meeting  
Gateway Hotel & Conference Center  
Hickory, NC 28602  
1-800-789-0686***

**“Know Your Story and Lead with It: The Power of Narrative in Pastoral Care”** with Reverend Kelli Walker-Jones and Dr. Richard Hester

**Pre-Conference offerings: Wednesday April 27<sup>th</sup> – Reception from 7-9pm & Healing Touch led by Jackie Allen from 7:30-9pm**

**Conference runs Thursday and Friday April 28 & 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

**Registration – April 28<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 9am\***

**Conference registration fee includes breakfast, lunch, and banquet on Thursday and breakfast on Friday (except for day commuters, see below). Rooms are \$64.00/night and are not included in the registration fee. You must call the conference center to make your own room reservations!!!!**

**2011 Membership Dues\*\***

Full Member \$ 30.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Associate Member \$ 15.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Conference Registration:**

Member/Associate Member \$100.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Member \$115.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

CPE Student \$ 65.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Day Commuters (*no breakfast/banquet included*) \$ 85.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Banquet Guests \$ 30.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: No refunds can be granted after the April 8th registration deadline.**

**\*\*If you recently submitted payment via a mailed membership invoice, you do not need to include your 2011 membership dues with this registration.**

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

Ken Turner  
3237 Hwy 70  
Beaufort, NC 28516  
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252-723-7211

**Registration  
Deadline  
April 5th!**

## 2011 Spring Conference Speakers

**Richard L. Hester, Ph.D.**, is a North Carolina Certified Pastoral Counselor. His orientation is narrative therapy which helps people find alternative narratives to their stories of difficulty. This perspective assumes that everyone is living out a story but that this story is never the whole story about them. If they are caught in a problem story, there are always other stories – less visible accounts that can create an alternative and more hopeful story. He joins clients in a collaborative process to find alternative narratives to the ones that have them stuck.

Dick was on the TPC staff 1975-1991 while he was Professor of Pastoral Theology at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He left the seminary and TPC to become executive director of the Georgia Association for Pastoral Care in Atlanta, returning to Raleigh and TPC in 1996. He is co-director of the Narrative Leadership Project at TPC.



***Richard L. Hester, Ph.D.***

**Rev. Kelli Walker-Jones, M.Div.**, is the co-director of the [Narrative Leadership project](#). She is an ordained United Methodist minister and a member of the North Carolina Annual Conference. Her academic preparations include: B.A., Rhodes College, Memphis, TN (1979) and M.Div., the Divinity School, Duke University (1983). A minister for over 25 years, her experience includes rural church ministry, large church staff ministry and serving on the staff at Duke Divinity School where she worked extensively with ministerial students in recruitment, supervision, and field placement.

Her work at TPC includes clergy group facilitation, individual mentoring, spiritual direction, and retreat leadership for clergy staff and church leadership. Kelli leads out of a narrative model that invites story gathering and deep listening.



***Kelli Walker-Jones, M.Div.***

# Conference Schedule

## **“Know Your Story and Lead with It: The Power of Narrative in Pastoral Care”**

**Speakers:** Reverend Kelli Walker-Jones and Dr. Richard Hester

### **Conference Schedule**

#### **Thursday, April 28, 2011**

8:00-9:00am	Breakfast/Arrival
9:00am	Welcome
9:15-10:45am	Session 1 – “We Live in Narrative”
10:45am	Break
11:00-Noon	Business Session
1:30-3:00pm	Session II – “Way of Finding Your Narrative, A Case Model”
3:00-6:00pm	Check-in/Free Time
6:00-7:00pm	Banquet & Chaplain of the Year
7:30pm	“The Three Amigos” – a band from Hickory, NC

#### **Friday, April 29, 2011**

7:30am	Worship
8:00am	Breakfast
9:00-9:30am	Business Session
9:30-10:00am	Check-out
10:00-11:30am	Session III – “Thickening Your Narrative”
11:30am	Closing



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## Continuing Education Opportunity

The board members of the NCCA would like to make you aware of the following continuing education opportunity in the Chapel Hill area  
***"Mental Illness As a Spiritual Journey:  
Creating Caring Communities"***

***Sponsored by Faith Connections on Mental Illness***

### Conference Location:

St. Thomas More  
Chapel Hill, NC

### Date & Time:

Friday, April 1, 2011  
8:30 am - 4:00 pm

### Registration Closes When All Slots are Filled

*Includes continental breakfast, lunch, & program materials*

- \$15 Registration (by 3/12/11 – credit not included)
- \$25 Late Registration (after 3/12/11 – credit not included)
- Professional Credit Fee: Additional \$20

**Online: [www.wakeahec.org](http://www.wakeahec.org) • Fax: 919-350-0467**

Mail: Wake AHEC, Attn: Jacqueline Carter

3261 Atlantic Avenue, Suite 212, Raleigh, NC 27604-1657

For Registration & Credit Questions Call: **Jacqueline Carter at 919-350-0461**

## *Remembering John Edgerton*

### **John Edgerton, October 25, 1943 to November 15, 2010**

At WakeMed, we give thanks to the countless employees, physicians, volunteers and friends who make our hospital the best in the region. And today, we remember an incredible employee who cared for our patients, their families, and our own WakeMed caregivers. We remember John Edgerton, director of Spiritual Care at WakeMed, and the legacy he left in the hearts of everyone he touched. John passed away on Monday, November 15, 2010.

During his 22 years of service at WakeMed, John dedicated himself to shaping a spiritual care program that offers a complete range of pastoral care to all. His work, support and dedication to the emotional and spiritual well-being of people is felt at every level of care throughout our hospital – from WakeMed nurses, physicians, physical therapists and social workers to administrators, volunteers and more.

His creed was to teach those around him, and he did just that. John spent a lifetime of learning, and his enthusiasm for education helped him develop WakeMed's Clinical Pastoral Education program. The program now provides year-long, student residency placements throughout WakeMed, allowing pastoral students the opportunity to follow their dreams of careers in hospice, the military and hospital ministries.

~ Lil Galphin—Wake Med

