



A FINAL WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Do you ever feel as if you cannot squeeze another thing into your day, or finding time to go to dinner with a friend is virtually impossible because of the overbooked calendar? Can you resonate with a day when there is no time to eat lunch, deadlines are closing in on you, patients, families and staff members are needing more than you can give, and just when you sit down to eat a bite of lunch, the pager goes off? I'm sure all of us have had days like this. Sometimes, these periods extend longer than an eight-hour day and turn into a horrific week.

When I encounter a day, a week, or a season of extreme business, I find my spirit calling out for a BREAK, nurture, spiritual food and comradery with those who know the pitfalls in the profession called chaplaincy.



Shay Crenshaw

As I've thought about the last two years, I have experienced the North Carolina Chaplains' Association as a haven, which has breathed new life and energy into my soul. I have to say that working with an awesome Executive Committee has energized me, deeper relationships have been formed; and I will leave the office of President knowing I have friends and colleagues who understand the "horrific weeks" and the need for a BREAK. Not only has this volunteer committee provided great leadership for the organization; but they have been the breath of life, which bring energy to weary souls.

Elizabeth Hyland has done a great job spearheading the "Chaplain of the Year" award and helping with the design of the new logo. You have a great eye for art. Marcia McQueen has used her skills to envision a new way to keep up with members and who has paid their dues. You are a true recruiter for the NCCA. Barry Morris is the man with the plan. He is a can pull a Spring Conference together at the last minute. As many of you know, our Spring speaker in '05 could not make it at the last minute. You are a great negotiator and have given the organization solid contracts to use with our speakers. You've navigated the CCE waters and helped us all keep our certification! Pam Hudson has been the scribe for our organization. Her minutes are never boring and the inserted sidebar humor has given many of us a belly aching laugh. Darryl Owens has met the challenge of producing a top-notch newsletter on a very tight budget. You know your computer software and he is a deadline keeper! Joseph Neal accounts for it all...down to the penny. You did a great job keeping the books even with an antiquated computer system.

Peter Maffly-Kipp has kept us all informed on World Wide Web. Thank you for rebuilding our website and for helping make the jobs of three of the Executive Committee Members much easier with new computers. Mike Bostian is our defender in the world of institutions and knows all the news within the job world. Thanks for standing-up for the profession and giving the jobless hope. Richard Hunt has been a phone call away when I did not know where to turn. Thanks for your wisdom.

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OUR SPRING CONFERENCE



Greensboro Historical Museum

As we experience January's thaw, there's a resting taking place. New life is forming and the anticipation of spring's warmth will soon show forth its beauty. This is also the time of year to prepare and anticipate new opportunities in education as we hold our annual spring conference in Greensboro.

The executive committee has worked hard to bring you Dr. Belinda Gore to speak on the topic "Converting Conflict into Compassion: Using the Enneagram as a Tool for Healing Relationships." Dr. Gore, a psychologist, is the director of the Enneagram Institute of Ohio. She is also a founding partner of Wilbridge Consultation Center, a multidisciplinary group of professionals who facilitate change for individuals, groups and organizations. Dr. Gore has worked extensively with the Enneagram to teach therapists and life coach's tools for using Enneagram to support personal transformation in their work. In addition, she works with corporations and organizations to apply wisdom of the Enneagram to stress management, team relationship building and leadership development. From her personal experience of using the Enneagram to better manage her life and bring healing to her attitudes, Dr. Gore felt compelled to share this tool with others in hope that they too would have a healing experience. "This tool has given me hope for the future of the world." Dr. Gore's work with us is based on our developing an understanding of the nine styles of personality and exploring practical methods for applying the wisdom of the Enneagram to guide our interventions with families, work teams and personal development.

In preparation for the spring conference, you are encouraged to view our website at www.ncchaplains.com, which will have several links to websites where you can take the Enneagram test online. In addition, there will be opportunities to buy books that contain the Enneagram test. A little homework will make this conference more meaningful.

As a reminder, our conference will be held at the Greensboro Marriott on March 23rd and 24th. There will also be two pre-conference workshops on the evening of March 22nd. The first workshop is titled "Learning how to serve on an APC certification committee", taught by Preston Smith, regional certification chair. The second workshop is entitled "Lessons from Katrina" and will be facilitated by Elizabeth Hyland, Jim Rawlings and Joseph Alexander. These three chaplains went to hurricane-ravaged areas to minister to hurricane survivors, medical personnel and first responders.

In the newsletter, you will find the conference registration form as well as an opportunity to pay your annual dues. We hope you will spring into action **today** and register for this exciting event. The Association of Professional Chaplains will be granting *free* Continuing Chaplain Education Units (CCEU'S). Also, we are applying through AHEC for Continuing Education Units (CEU'S), which will be an additional \$10 charge payable during the conference. Please invite people from other disciplines who may be interested in this topic.

Hope you can go to Greensboro,
Barry Morris bmorris@randolphhospital.org



International Civil Rights Center & Museum

Remember your CCEU's for 2006.

Many of you are concerned about getting the 20 percent or 10 hours of CCEU's during the year. We attempt to receive CCEU's for all educational events sponsored. If you attend the spring conference including a pre-conference and the fall education day, you can receive 1.05 CCEU's, which is actually 101/2 hours. If you have questions or comments please contact Barry Morris at bmorris@randolphhospital.org.

New NCCA Logo Unveiled

Turning 40 can be a life changing event! It's often a time to make changes and get a new look that's more reflective of who you are. It's no wonder that after 40 years, the NCCA is finally getting a new, updated logo!

The original logo served us well for about 30 years. Over the past ten years there were conversations about the need for a logo that affirms the diversity and unity of our organization, but there wasn't much momentum to get the job done. At the 2005 Spring Conference a logo proposal yielded a spirited impromptu design session. Based on those suggestions the membership agreed that the board would select a new logo.

The highly anticipated logo will be unveiled at the spring meeting! Plus you will see the very latest in NCCA's logo wear....t-shirts, ball caps and other hot items! Bring your checkbook as you'll want a t-shirt in every color! Our "highly trained sales associates" will help you select a shirt that enhances your personal look. You'll be a chaplain trendsetter at work, at play or alone in front of your computer!

Don't miss this historical event! A logo unveiling only happens every 30 or 40 years!

Shalom!

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Natural Science Center of Greensboro

Our New Members

We welcome new members who have been approved for membership at the Executive Council meetings in October 2005 and January 2006! They are:



Guilford Courthouse National Military Park

Donald J. Barbour, Watauga Medical Center
Lisa Brown Cole, Durham Regional
Lisa Courtney, Watauga Medical Center
Blake Dempsey, Lenoir Memorial Hospital
Benita Eldridge, Duke Hospital
Jane Erwin, Carolinas Medical Center
Care Goodstal, Piedmont Crossing
Carolyn I. Hicks, Hospice and Community Care of Rock Hill, SC
Sylvia Kohus, Cypress Glen United Methodist Retirement Center
Gary Lucas, Hospice of Robeson
Friday Okocah, Carolinas Medical Center
Lori D. Rountree, United Hospice of Eastern NC
Parthena Skipper, Wake Med
Moses Taiwo, Carolinas Medical Center
Audrey Thornton, Moses Cone
Craig Walker, Carolina Donor Services

We are always glad to welcome new members to our ranks. If you know of chaplains or other persons interested in chaplaincy, invite them to become a part of the NC Chaplains Association. Also, if you see incorrect information about members—either on the website or in this list—please inform me.

Marcia McQueen, Membership Chair
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President's final word con't

Ken Turner and Bob Hamilton have been gracious hosts for our organization. You have been a huge part in refreshing the spirit. Without all of these people, our organization would not have moved forward. Thank you for all you have done and continue to do for NCCA. You continue to nurture the spirit, and bring energy to the organization and to individuals.

As I leave the office of President, I thank each member of NCCA for the opportunity to be the leader of this organization. I know for years to come, NCCA will breath new life into my spirit.

Blessings,

Shay Montgomery Crenshaw
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Artquest at Green Hill Center for North
Carolina Art

Notice of Proposed Bylaw Change

According to the *Constitution and By-Laws of the North Carolina Chaplains' Association*, **Article X: Amendments** states, "Proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be submitted to the Executive Committee, and shall be circulated by them to the Association at least one month in advance of the meeting at which action will be taken."

As discussed at the annual meeting in 2005, the Executive Committee is presenting a bylaw change related to notification concerning and receipt of dues.

Article III: Membership, section f. Termination of Membership currently states:

"Membership will be terminated at the request of the Member or for non-payment of dues. The First Notice of Dues shall be sent with the notice of the Annual Meeting. A second notice of dues shall be sent following the Annual Meeting. Failure to pay dues within six months of the date of the Second Dues Notice may result in termination of Membership."

The proposed change will read:

"Membership will be terminated at the request of the Member or for non-payment of dues. The First Notice of Dues shall be sent *in January*. A second notice of dues shall be sent *with the notice of the Annual Meeting*. Failure to pay dues within six months of the date of the Second Dues Notice may result in termination of Membership."

Some related questions presented last year follow.

Would this change in the bylaws change the fiscal year? No, the fiscal year remains June 1-May 31. But, the January notice and spring second notice would allow a larger percentage of membership funds for the upcoming year to be received prior to budget preparation and action.

Would the money go to the membership chair?

Yes, in the same way that the money for new members now comes to the membership chair. That is, it would come along with the dues notice—for the chair to record dues paid and any changes in status or contact information. Then, would be sent to the treasurer for deposit.

Will this mean two data entry points and processes?

We think not. With new computers which are compatible, the data will be electronically exchanged.

Will we be able to pay online? We are establishing a PayPal account which would make this possible. You will receive more information about this at the Annual Meeting.

Maintaining an accurate membership list and accounting for dues received, dues owed, notices sent is a detailed process. Currently, the treasurer has assumed these duties. Shifting some of these duties from the treasurer to the membership chairperson will enable the membership chairperson to facilitate receipt of dues and to enable her/him to contact members in arrears, answer questions about an individual's membership status when they inquire, and take more initiative in following up with persons who have been members in the past, but not currently.

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Greensboro Children's Museum

A Day In the Life Of A CPE Student Jan 06



NC Zoo

The other day as I was walking from the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit back to my office I asked myself, “What does a typical day look like for me as a CPE Student?” And the immediate answer that came to mind was, “There is no such thing as a typical day.” In a large medical center, such as NC Baptist Hospital, each day has the potential of being filled with new or unexpected events and, certainly, no two days are ever the same.

Some days are filled with curriculum events and writing assignments that enable me to sharpen and fine-tune my pastoral care skills. During didactics, case conferences, theological reflections, supervision, and IPR, I am able to look at chaplaincy and my ministry from different angles and receive feedback from peers and supervisors. As a student, being in conversation with others about my pastoral encounters and areas of personal and professional growth has helped me to emerge into a better minister and chaplain. However, the day does not end around the table or in a conference room – it extends into the lives of patients and families within the hospital.

Being with patients and families is the most rewarding and challenging aspect of CPE. There are some patients and families whose lives I enter for a brief moment and others for a journey that could last for months. As I am with people, I hear the stories of their lives, illness, joys, and struggles and how they are able to see God at work in the midst of each of these aspects. There is an enormous range of ministry situations that I am often a part of within the hospital from crisis ministry, to patients being well enough to go home, to code blues, to helping provide food and housing, to bereavements, to deeply spiritual conversations and needs, to times of worship. In each encounter I have an awareness of the presence of the Holy in my life and in the lives of others.

One of the most important qualities I have had to learn is how to remain steady and balanced when often the lives of so many around me are unsteady and off balance. Being rooted in my faith, seeing the example of others around me, and being open to the ways in which I am being changed through my experience as a CPE student are all ways in which I am able to remain firm and grounded. However, after an intense night of being on-call, I must admit that I have longed for the regular routine of teaching or working in an office as I did in years past. Yet, when I am able to help another individual make a deeply spiritual connection in the midst of chaos I know and believe that I have been called to the often-hectic world of chaplaincy.



Piedmont Jazz & Blues Festival

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Chaplain's Humor

Collard Greens

An old man lived alone in the country. He wanted to dig his yearly collard green garden, but it was always very hard work for him because the ground was hard. His only son, Junebug Jankins III, who used to help him, was in prison. The old man wrote a letter to his son and described his predicament.

Dear Junebugg Jankins the III ,

I am feeling pretty bad because it look like I won't be able to plant my collard green garden this year. I'm just getting too old to be digging up a garden plot. If you were here my troubles would be over. I know you would dig the plot for me.

Love Dad

A few days later he received a letter from his son.

Dear Daddy Jankins,

Whatever you do, don't dig up that garden. That's where I buried the BODIES.

Love Junbugg Jankins III

At 4 a.m. the next morning, FBI agents and local police arrived and dug up the entire area without finding any bodies. They apologized to the old man and left.

That same day the old man received another letter from his son .

Dear Daddy Jankins,

You can go ahead and plant the collard greens now. That's the best I could do under the circumstances.

Love Junebugg III

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Wet'n'Wild Emerald Pointe

“To catch the reader's attention, place an interesting sentence or quote from the story here.”



Greensboro Skyline (Day)

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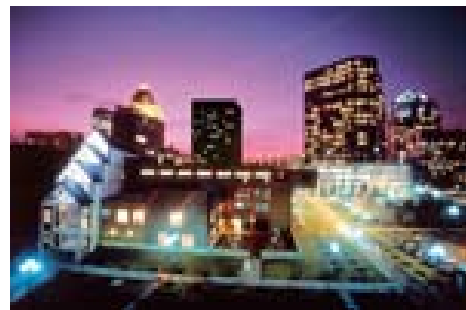
2006 Conference Agenda

THURSDAY MARCH 23rd

8:00	-	8:30	Registration/Continental Breakfast
8:30	-	9:00	Greeting and Introduction of speaker
9:00	-	10:30	Prayer Session 1
10:30	-	11:00	Break
11:00	-	12:00	Business Meeting
12:00	-	1:30	Lunch
1:30	-	3:00	Prayer Session 2
3:00	-	7:00	Free Time
7:00	-	Until	Banquet

FRIDAY MARCH 24th

8:30	-	9:00	Continental Breakfast
9:00	-	9:30	Worship
9:30	-	10:30	Business Meeting
10:30	-	11:00	Break
11:00	-	12:30	Session 3
12:30	-	1:00	Door Prizes, Evaluations, Closing



Greensboro Skyline (Night)