

CPE Corner

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*“Hope” is the thing with
feathers -
That perches in the soul -
And sings the tune
without the words -
And never stops - at all.*

- Emily Dickinson



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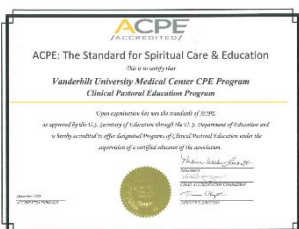
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collaborating with these units as well as other VUMC programs to expand spiritual support and educational opportunities.

The CPE Program at VUMC continues to grow and expand its outreach throughout the hospital. In December 2020, The CPE Program received its official Certificate of Accreditation through ACPE and the U.S. Department of Education to offer designated programs. Rev. Eun has met with various Unit Managers to discern how the Residency Program can offer additional support to staff and has begun

On March 1, the Chaplain Residents began their new rotations. Chaplain Fr. Stephen Abaukaka will provide spiritual support to the NICU Unit at Vanderbilt Children’s Hospital as well as patients and staff at the Vanderbilt Psychiatric Hospital. Chaplain Fred Brown will provide support to the Vanderbilt University Adult Hospital. Chaplain Mary Murphy will serve in the Vanderbilt Children’s Hospital 6th Floor Hematology and Oncology Unit. Chaplain Rev. Kelli X will provide support to patients in the Vanderbilt University Adult Hospital.

Also, in March, the Residency Program began its Consultation and Assessment process. Consultation Committees were formed to offer guidance to the Residents and the ACPE Educator in the continuing education process. The Committees met on March 9 and 11 to provide consultation and assessment on the Residents’ progress through their CPE journeys.

The CPE Program has begun interviewing applicants for the 2021-2022 Residency Program as well as the Fall 2021 Extended Unit Program. As the program moves forward into the April, it will continue reviewing applications. It also plans to move forward with submitting portfolio materials to transition from provisional accreditation to full accreditation.



Note from Rev. Peter Keese, PAG Chair

Thanks to all of you who serve on this PAG. We appreciate your interest, and your moral support, and we welcome your suggestions for the improvement of our program.

As you all know, I had the short-term contract with VUMC to develop the documents that would allow us to get the necessary provisional accreditation to begin our CPE program. Being a CPE Educator myself and having a large stake in seeing this major medical center have its own CPE program, I have continued to want to be as close to the program as I could be.

The Manager of our CPE Department, the Rev. Young-ki Eun, has kindly involved me in interviewing potential applicants for next year's program, and in participating in many other ways, e.g., giving a lecture to this class of Residents, leading a worship service, sitting in on a seminar, and participating in the major mid-year review of each of the current Residents.

I am grateful to him for these opportunities, and I can happily report that the program in its first six months is off to a very good start.

As we establish ourselves as a significant part of Pastoral care in VUMC, I have every reason to believe that the program will continue to thrive and, in due time, as we prove our worth, to expand.

Peter Keese

In Memory of Kate Payne

Now, it has been more than two months since Kate Payne, one of our PAG members passed away. However, there was a time I asked myself: Where has she gone? Did she really pass away? Because she seems to be still alive in the minds of many people, including mine.

I first met Kate via zoom on Tuesday June 2, 2020 when I had an interview with representatives of the PAG. Then, I felt impressed by her clarity of mind and her sincere supportive heart of spiritual care. I joined VUMC in July 26, 2020, and she continued to provide whole-hearted support to Clinical Pastoral Education as a PAG member, e.g., providing a didactic to chaplain residents and supporting me in a 1:1 meeting. I remember being deeply touched by her caring, supportive heart in our meeting. Whatever I brought to our conversation; she did not miss a beat coming back with detailed, supportive information and helpful contacts.

On Monday January 4, 2021, I sent an email to all - staff chaplains, PAG members, and chaplain residents - regarding our new virtual worship service with a picture of the VUMC Rhea Chapel. Three hours later, she replied, by stating, "That's lovely." And, she updated me on her situation, suggesting I work with her colleague in the future, appreciating our "lovely staff" (chaplain) visiting with her. Two days later, I heard that she passed away in the morning.

How could it be possible? She was so active, so alive, and suddenly she passed away? Where did her spirit go?

Since then, I realize that we are deeply impacted by a person, and we remember them for a long time, not necessarily because of the length of time we have known them, but because of the beautiful spirit of the person we experience, - in the case of Kate - her clarity of mind and her caring, supportive heart. I believe that her altruistic, caring spirit continues to be alive in our hearts and minds, like lyrics from "I Am A Thousand Winds:" "I am the sunlight on the ripened grain. I am the gentle autumn rain. ... I am the diamond glint on snow. I am a thousand winds that blow."

Young-ki Eun



Announcements and Updates

New PAG Team Members



Kelly Ernst, MSN, RN-BC grew up in a small, rural town in Southeast MO. She attended Murray State University and graduated with a BSN in 1984. She moved to Nashville after graduating and has essentially lived here since then. She completed her MSN in 1992 from the University of TN, Knoxville. She worked mostly in Stepdown/ICU clinical areas and roles for 22 years at St Thomas Hospital (now, St. Thomas West). During the last seven of those years, she taught full-time at Aquinas College in the nursing program. She then moved to southern Iowa where she worked at a 100-bed hospital for one and half years as a Clinical Nurse Specialist. In 2008, she returned to Nashville and has been in a Nursing Education Specialist Role at Vanderbilt since May of that year. Kelly is involved in many programs, including the Nurse Residency Program and VPNPP. She is certified in her specialty.



Lynne Leersnyder, MSN, RN grew up near Pittsburgh, PA. She received her BSN from Indiana University of PA. She practiced adult critical care nursing for most of her career. She transitioned to education after obtaining her MSN from Aquinas College. Lynne has had the opportunity to live and practice nursing from Vermont to Florida and as far west as California and Hawaii. She has lived in Nashville since 2010. Presently, she is a Nursing Education Specialist at Vanderbilt. She is the lead for the Clinical Orientation Team, co-lead for the Acute Care Nurse Residents and she assists with our Travel Nurses. When not working, she likes to spend time with her family, hike with her dogs, and travel.

CPE Giving Page Established

With the support of the VUMC Development Department, we have established a new CPE Giving Page. You can visit the page here:

<https://give.vanderbilthealth.org/give/324620/#!/donation/checkout>



CPE Programs 2021 -2022

The VUMC CPE program is accepting applications for the CPE Residency 2021-2022 (Sep 7, 2021 - Sep 2, 2022) and the Fall 2021 Extended Unit Program.

More information at <https://www.vumc.org/cpe>

Milestones and Accomplishments



Rev. Amanda Borchik and her husband Robbie welcomed Lucy Kie Borchik to their family on December 24th, 2020. Lucy's name means "uncommon or unexpected gift of light," honoring the beauty and hope of her entrance into the world during the pandemic.



Chaplain Fred Brown and his wife Britt purchased their first home this month. They look forward to settling into their new home and starting work on various house projects.



In January, Suzanne's family adopted a 2-year-old Yellow Lab named Waylon from the Sumner County Humane Society. He is loved by all members of the family, especially Suzanne's son Elliot who enjoys reading to him and playing fetch with him.

"The more you
praise and
celebrate your life,
the more there is
in life to
celebrate."

- Oprah Winfrey

Ecumenical Service Dates

March 2021

3/17/21: Rev. Beth Duke

3/24/21: Rev. Kelli X

3/31/21: Chaplain Mary Murphy

April 2021

4/7/21: Rev. Cordell Simpson

4/14/21: Fr. Stephen Abaukaka

4/21/21: Chaplain Fred Brown

4/28/21: Rev. Sherry Perry

May 2021

5/5/21: TBD

5/12/21: Rev. Rusty McCown

5/19/21: Rev. Patricia Shropshire

5/26/21: Rev. Ian Cullen

Special Thanks

Consultation and Assessment Committee Members: Chaplain Arelis Benitez (PAG Member), Fr. John Bucchino (ACPE Certified Educator), Mary Stewart Hall (ACPE Certified Educator), Rev. Peter Keese (ACPE Certified Educator), Rev. Christinah Kwaramba (ACPE Certified Educator), Rev. Jan McCabe (ACPE Certified Educator), Rev. Inetta Reddell (MA-Bioethics, MACS, MDIV, BCC), Rev. Ida-Regina Oliver (ACPE Certified Educator), Fr. Steven Voytovich (ACPE Certified Educator)

Didactic Speakers: Dr. Jessica Boles, Rev. Ian Cullen, Dr. Heather Davidson, Dr. Maie El-Sourady, Chaplain Lisa Hermann, Prof. Tom Knowles-Bagwell, Rabbi Laurie Rice, Dr. Andy Wooldridge

Interviewers for CPE Candidates: Janet Cross, MEd; Dr. Jaco Hamman; Chaplain Duncan Gasson-Gardner; Rev. Peter Keese; Andy Peterson, MMHC, MDiv; Rev. Patricia Shropshire

Virtual Ecumenical Services

For patients, families, and staff

Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m. via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/92045193035>

Or use phone camera to scan the QR Code:

