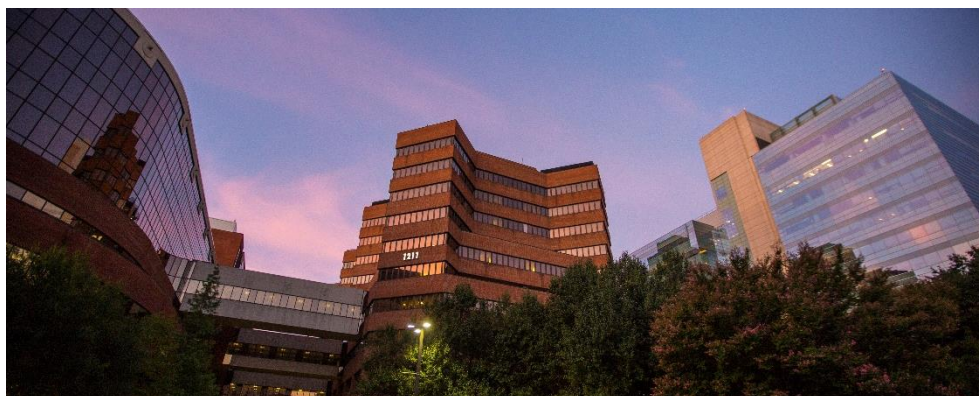


CPE Corner

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New CPE program at VUMC

Vanderbilt University Medical Center has established a new Clinical Pastoral Education Program to provide clinical training to chaplain residents while also providing spiritual support to VUMC patients, families, and staff.

In late July, the Medical Center received pre-provisional accreditation for the one-year chaplain residency program from the Association of Clinical Pastoral Education (ACPE). The program also welcomed Rev. Young-ki Eun as Sr. Program Manager and ACPE Educator. In August, the CPE Professional Advisory Group (PAG) held its inaugural meeting. Then, in September, the program began with four new chaplain residents - Fr. Stephen Abaukaka, Fred Brown, Mary Murphy, and Rev. Kelli X - attending classes and serving in various areas around the hospital complex. Also, in September, the PAG appointed The Rev. Peter Keese as its chairperson, and the CPE program added Suzanne DeVos as part-time Administrative Assistant.

In October, the CPE Program added Imam Ossama Bahloul, Ph.D. and Rabbi Laurie Rice as new members of the PAG.

In November, the program achieved Provisional Accreditation status through ACPE.

The CPE Team continues to grow the department through establishing its shared office space and expanding its outreach to patients, staff, and community partners.



Note from Terrell Smith, MSN, R.N.

It was with much anticipation and joy that we welcomed our first class of CPE residents. Over the past 20 years, VUMC participated in partnership with several area hospitals and Alive Hospice to train chaplain residents at its member sites, but the increasing size of the Medical Center's hospital network and its growing number of critically ill patients led us to the decision to create a VUMC-based CPE program for chaplain residents.

In doing research, we discovered we were one of the few academic medical centers in the country without our own chaplain residency program. Our tremendous growth indicated that the time had come to develop a program with a curriculum tailored to our patient population and staff.

Our Professional Advisory Group (PAG) has already begun to actively contribute to our early success by advising us on our, now approved, provisional accreditation document. Many thanks to Peter Keese for agreeing to serve as our first PAG chair and to our founding PAG members.

Clearly, VUMC benefits by having these Chaplain Residents/Interns available not only to extend our full-time chaplaincy service at VUMC, but also to embrace the mission of improving the health/spiritual care of "individuals and communities regionally - through the exceptional capabilities and caring spirit of its people." I look forward to the years ahead!

Special Thanks

Leadership Support: Terrell Smith, Janet Cross, Andy Peterson, Ebony McHaskell, Kristen Smith, Dr. Donald Brady, Eric Rhinehardt

ACPE Accreditation: Rev. Dr. Robert Randy Hall, Rev. Va' Nechia Rayford

Didactic Speakers: Rev. Peter Keese, Chaplain Duncan Gardner, Rev. Ian Cullen, Rev. Cordell Simpson, Rev. Ida-Regina Oliver, Rev. Amanda Borchik, Rev. Eugene Huffstutler, Dr. Jaco Hamman, Dr. Kate Payne, Fr. Steven Voytovich, Rev Bob Bowlin, Dr. Devin Greene, Rev. Beth Duke, Rev. Patricia Shropshire, Rev. Sherry Perry, Rev. Raye Nell Dyer, Dr. Devin Greene, Dr. Anthony De Conciliis, Philip D Walker, Deacon Joe Holzmer, Father Gervan Menezes

Administrative Support: Cynthia Warner, Suzanne DeVos, Janice Savage, Lisa Cunningham, Emily Riley

HR Support: Jaimie N Glatt, Kalandrian Davis

Tours: Children's Hospital by Rev. Lisa C. Hermann, PICU tour by Victoria Jackson, NICU tour by Erin Havrilla and Amanda Mock, Peds ED tour by Kelsey Jo Walakovits, Pediatric Cardiac Critical Care Unit (PCICU) tour with John David Hughes, Jessica Boles, Kaley Furlow, Serena White, Katy Hoskins, Addie Vienneau, Stephanie Van Dyke, Lisa Kimball, Chaplain Barbara Means

"It takes a village
to raise a child"

-Igbo and Yoruba
proverb-



Meet the CPE Educator

Rev. Young-ki Eun M.A., M.Div., ACPE started his CPE journey in 1999 at Toronto General Hospital, Canada. He completed his CPE Residency at New York Presbyterian - Cornell Medical Center, and his CPE Supervisory Training at the Health Care Chaplaincy, New York. He was certified by ACPE as an Associate Supervisor in 2009 and as a full-Supervisor in 2013. His work as a CPE supervisor includes New York Presbyterian-Columbia University Medical Center, The Hospital of St. Raphael (now, Yale New Haven Hospital-St Raphael Campus), Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, New York Theological Seminary and Ochsner Health System, New Orleans.

Rev. Eun is an ordained Presbyterian minister. He graduated from the University of Toronto/ Knox College with the Master of Divinity degree. He has also completed postgraduate studies in Theology, English, Linguistics, Psychoanalytic Studies, and a four-year clinical training in Psychotherapy.

As an ACPE Certified Educator, Rev. Eun has a passion for empowering chaplain residents and interns to gain a deeper connection with their authentic selves in a genuine, diverse and trustworthy learning environment. He also has a passion for empowering them to forge and strengthen their own personal and professional identity in their spiritual care ministry of compassion, narrowing the gap between embedded, confessed, and operational theology, along with the integration of head and heart.

Meet the Chaplain Residents

CPE at Vanderbilt emphasizes staff care as well as patient and family care. Chaplain Residents serve on-call on Saturdays and Sundays, and they provide onsite spiritual care from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday.



Fr. Stephen Abaukaka, MA serves in the Vanderbilt University Adult Hospital. He is an ordained Catholic priest for the Catholic Diocese of Lokoja, Nigeria, having obtained his B.Th. from Saints Peter & Paul Major Seminary, Bodija-Ibadan Nigeria. He served his home diocese in Nigeria, from 1997-2010. In January 2011, he came to the United States where he achieved an M.A. in Pastoral Studies from Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. He then served in Hospital Ministry with the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, NM. In 2015, he enrolled in a Clinical Pastoral Education program at Genesis Health System in Davenport, IA. Then, in 2016, he took a position as Priest/Staff Chaplain at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN while also serving as a Pastor with the Diocese of Winona-Rochester, MN. He has embarked on the CPE Residency program at Vanderbilt to further his professional ability for pastoral/spiritual care in the healthcare system.



C. Fred Brown, MDiv serves in Vanderbilt Children's Hospital on the 6th Floor Hematology and Oncology Unit. Fred graduated from Battle Ground Academy in 2009. He earned a BA in Theatre from Birmingham-Southern College ('13). In 2019, he graduated from Vanderbilt Divinity School with a Master of Divinity. He also received the Liston O. Mills Award for excellence in pastoral theology. Fred has worked as a chaplain in some capacity at both Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital and Vanderbilt University Medical Center since 2017. For Fred, the people inside the church and the work of their hands is more important than their denomination. His immediate family now consists of his wife Brittany, his dog Mousse, and his cat Dr. Stanley Biscuits. When not providing care at VUMC, Fred and his wife Britt can be found cheering on the Titans and Preds with wanton fervor.

Meet the Chaplain Residents



Mary Murphy, MDiv serves in the Vanderbilt University Adult Hospital. Mary completed her BA at UC Davis in 1989, and she earned an MFA in poetry from the University of Iowa in 1994. She graduated from Vanderbilt Divinity School with a Master of Divinity in 2018. She completed her first unit of CPE in 2017 at VUMC and has done PRN and contract work for both VUH and VCH. Mary worked at St. Augustine's Episcopal Chapel at Vanderbilt, assisting in a variety of areas - using her catechist training to develop children's formation and developing a weekly worship services based on the Twelve Steps program. Mary served as chaplain for the Center for Contemplative Justice, launching a quarterly journal and partnering with Thistle Farms/Magdalene, Larkspur Conservation Cemetery, Escuela Ann Stevens, Sibimbe Sewing Cooperative, Holy Cross Hospice, Nashville Organized for Action and Hope, Hope Station, and Open Table Nashville. Originally from Memphis, Mary was a stay home mom for many years, rearing her two children in Nashville. She is married to Douglas Murphy, worldwide account manager for Fed Ex.



Rev. Kelli X, MDiv serves patients and staff at the Vanderbilt Psychiatric Hospital and in the NICU Unit at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital. She also serves as Pastor of The Village Church, an African centered Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Madison, TN. Rev. X grew up on the South Side of Chicago. She earned her B.S. in Psychology from Tennessee State University in 2002. After nearly a decade of working with children and families living with mental illness and maneuvering the foster care system, Rev. X earned her Master of Divinity at Vanderbilt Divinity School. Moved by Psalm 150 and Romans 12:1, Rev. X dedicates her life and inspires her congregation to live lives of worship of God and service to the world. Committed to speaking truth to power, she has partnered throughout her ministry with local organizations such as Nashville Organized for Action and Hope (NOAH), Planned Parenthood, Moral Movement Tennessee, and Fellowship of Disciples Clergywomen to seek justice for all God's children. Rev. X has been happily married to Rico X for over 17 years. Together they share two amazing children, Kijani and Asatira.

Meet the CPE Staff



Suzanne DeVos serves as the Administrative Assistant to the CPE Team. She brings over eleven years experience in administrative support to higher education institutions in Nashville, Murfreesboro, and Denver. She is excited to support the spiritual and pastoral care efforts at VUMC, and she looks forward to supporting the CPE Program as it grows. In her free time, Suzanne enjoys listening to music, drawing, and spending time with her husband Skylar and her two children Elliot and Rowan.

CPE Professional Advisory Group

2020-21



The Rev. Kira Austin-Young, M.Div. - Episcopal priest in the Diocese of Tennessee



Tom Knowles-Bagwell, D.Min., L.C.P.T., C.S.A.T. - Associate Professor & Associate Director of Mental Health Counseling for Belmont University



Imam Ossama Bahloul, Ph.D. - Resident Scholar of the Islamic Center of Nashville



The Rev. W.R. "Rusty" McCown - Rector St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Franklin, TN



Arelis (Aly) Benítez - graduate student in Religion, Psychology, and Culture at Vanderbilt University



Kate Payne, JD, RN, NC-BC - Associate Professor, VUMC Center for Biomedical Ethics and Society



The Rev. Amanda Borchik, M.Div., BCC - Chaplain, Monroe Carrell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt



Florence Perry - Registered Nurse, PICU, Monroe Carrell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt



Janet Cross, M.Ed. - Administrative Director of Patient & Family Centered Care for Monroe Carrell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt



Andy Peterson MMHC, MDiv - Director of Pastoral Care and Volunteer Services for Vanderbilt University Hospital and Vanderbilt Health



Heather A. Davidson, PhD. - Associate Professor of Medical Education and Administration for Vanderbilt Center for Patient and Professional Advocacy



Rabbi Laurie Rice - Rabbi Congregation Micah, Brentwood, TN



Dr. Maie H. El-Sourady - Director of Palliative Care Education at Vanderbilt University Medical Center



Cristin Roark, JD - member of the Family Advisory Council at Vanderbilt University Medical Center



The Rev. Dr. Joel Emerson - Lutheran Pastor and Former Chair of St. Thomas PAG



The Rev. Patricia A. Shropshire, MS, MDiv - Staff Chaplain for Vanderbilt University Medical Center



Duncan Gasson-Gardner - Chaplain, Traumatic Brain Injury Center at Vanderbilt University Medical Center



Terrell Smith, MSN, R.N. - Sr. Director of Patient & Family Engagement at Vanderbilt University Medical Center



Dr. Jaco Hamman - Professor of Religion, Psychology, and Culture for Vanderbilt Divinity School



Dr. Andy Wooldridge - Palliative Care Physician & Assistant Professor of Medicine at Vanderbilt University Medical Center



The Rev. Peter Keese - ACPE Educator (retired), PAG Chair

Announcements and Updates

New CPE Extended Unit Offerings – beginning Fall 2021

The CPE Fall Extended Unit (mid-August thru end-of-December) and Spring Extended Unit (mid-January thru early-June) are part-time and are geared for those with ongoing professional or educational commitments. This part-time CPE meets one day per week for class for 20 weeks. Normally, the class will meet on Mondays (8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.) except for the first two weeks where students should be prepared to spend two or three days each week in orientation. Also, students will engage in sixteen (16) hours per week in clinical ministry at their assigned clinical site. Students may choose from two options for clinical assignments: One day shift (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.) and one night shift (1:30 pm - 10:00 pm) or two night shifts (1:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.) weekdays or weekends - providing spiritual care to patients, families and staff, and participate in some on-call duty at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

Ecumenical Service Dates

December 2020

12/02/20: Rev. Young-ki Eun
12/09/20: Rev. Beth Duke
12/16/20: Rev. Kelli X
12/23/20: Chaplain Mary Murphy
12/30/20: Rev. Cordell Simpson

January 2021

1/6/21: Chaplain Susan Dyer
1/13/21: Chaplain Fred Brown
1/20/21: Rev. Sherry Perry
1/27/21: Rev. Peter Keese

February 2021

2/3/21: Rev. Rusty McCown
2/10/21: Rev. Patricia Shropshire
2/17/21: Rev. Ian Cullen
2/24/21: Rev. Joel Emerson

March 2021

3/3/21: Chaplain Sherri Bartlett
Brown
3/10/21: TBD
3/17/21: TBD
3/24/21: TBD
3/31/21: TBD

CPE Residency 2021 -2022

The VUMC CPE program is also accepting applications for a year-long CPE Residency 2021-2022 (Sep 7, 2021 - Sep 2, 2022).

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

NEW Virtual Services

For patients, families, and staff

Ecumenical Christian Service

Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m.

via Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/92045193035>

Or use phone camera to scan the QR Code:



Virtual Catholic Mass

Sundays at 12:00 p.m.

via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/99221030539>

Or use phone camera to scan the QR Code:



Coming Soon: Virtual Jewish and Islamic Services