

CPE Corner

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Note from the CPE Educator

As we enjoy a new season of spring, the CPE program at VUMC has experienced several new things.

Four new chaplain interns, Bojan Banovic, Olufunmilayo Odidi, Josefine Parker, and Brian Wilkins joined the CPE 2023 Spring Extended unit (January 23 - June 9, 2023) and our six chaplain residents started their new clinical rotations on March 6 and will continue until September 1, 2023.

The residents also had Consultation and Assessments on March 7 and March 9 where eight ACPE certified educators, Rev. J. Fred Ehrman, Rev. Mary Stewart Hall, Rev. Christy Howard-Steele, Rev. Israel Mutema, Rev. Joseph Yao Kotay, Rev. Jan McCabe, Rev. Ida Regina-Oliver, and Fr. Steven Voytovich, and one ACPE Educator candidate, Rev. Jo Brenneman-Fullwood, graciously participated.

Three new PAG members, Rev. Lisa Hermann, Dr. Dane Chetkovich, and Rabbi Saul Strosberg have joined the PAG to support the CPE program at VUMC.

We received a new batch of prayer shawls from Grace United Methodist Church and Nashville Korean Presbyterian Church. These shawls will be used to support spiritual care to patients and families especially when they experience severe loneliness or emotional suffering.

Isaiah 43:19 says “See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?” It is a great privilege for us to be a witness and to be able to participate in “a new thing.”

Rev. Young-ki Eun

Meet the Spring 2023 Extended Unit Chaplain Interns



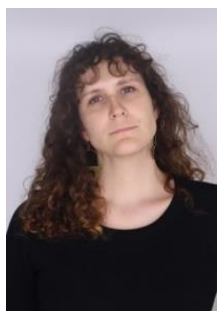
Bojan Banovic is originally from Bosna and Herzegovina (Eastern Europe). He attended the Seminary High School of St. Arsenios of Srem in Sremski Karlovic (Republic of Serbia) from 2006 to 2011. After attending the Saint Sava School of Theology in Liberty, Illinois, he was ordained to priesthood in 2020 in Youngstown, Ohio where he served till his transfer to

Nashville. At that time, he was Camp Director of Children's Camp in Shadeland, Pennsylvania (Eastern Diocese of the Serbian Orthodox Church). On September 1, 2022, he was appointed priest of Saint "Peka" Serbian Orthodox Church in Germantown, Tennessee. He is also the Youth Department Director at the Midwestern Diocese of the Serbian Orthodox Church. Bojan is married to his better half, Ljubinka, and they have Goldendoodle named Mona.



Olufunmilayo (Funmi) D. Odidi is a Christian and Yoruba from the western part of Nigeria. She graduated from the University of Jos, Nigeria with B.A. English (1989), MA International Law and Diplomacy (2007), Post-Graduate Diploma in Education (2007), MA Guidance and Counselling (2009), and MATheology (2016) from the University of the South School of Theology, Tennessee.

Funmi volunteered in various leadership roles in the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) and is a member and volunteer at St. George's Episcopal Church, Nashville, Tennessee, where her husband, the Venerable (Dr.) Martin Odidi, also serves.



Josefine Parker (she/her) grew up in the suburbs of Baltimore County and received a BA in American Studies from the University of Maryland, College Park. She has a background in gender affirming surgery caregiving and is finishing her Master of Divinity at Vanderbilt Divinity School in Spring 2023. For the last eight years, Josefine has lived in rural Middle Tennessee

with her partner. She enjoys cooking, fermentation, walking her dog along the creek, and writing fiction. Raised

Lutheran, she practices earth-based spirituality and is exploring the Unitarian Universalist Association.



Brian K. Wilkins is a native of Nashville, Tennessee. He is a chaplain at the Lois DeBerry Special Needs facility and staff Pastor at Westwood Baptist Church both in Nashville. He is a father of four children, three girls and a son, he also has six grandchildren. Brian is a graduate of American Baptist College, Nashville, TN, where he received his BA in Theology and a minor in Psychology. He also is a graduate of Cumberland University where he received his MS in Public Service Management.

Updates

Chaplin Interns Spring 2023 Commissioning Ceremony

The commissioning ceremony took place at 512 Light Hall, VUMC on January 23, 2023.

Welcome to our new PAG Chair and members

New PAG Chair



Rev. Patricia Shropshire began her term as our new PAG chair in January 2023. Patricia received her Bachelor of Science in Zoology from Howard University in Washington, D.C., and her Master of Science in Parasitology from Atlanta University Graduate School. She received her Master of Divinity from Vanderbilt Divinity School. Patricia served in pastoral roles at Holy Trinity Community Church, UCC and Howard Congregational Church, UCC. Patricia serves as a staff chaplain at Vanderbilt University Adult Hospital. Prior to joining VUMC, Patricia served as a chaplain at The Tennessee Valley Healthcare System (VA) in Nashville and Murfreesboro, Tennessee and Tri-Star Southern Hills Medical Center.

*I am only one, but I am one.
I cannot do everything, but I
can do something. And I will
not let what I cannot do
interfere with what I can
do. - Edward Everett Hale*

Three New PAG Members



Rev. Lisa Hermann is ordained by the Presbyterian Church (USA) as a Minister of the Word and Sacrament and is a minister member of the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee. Lisa serves as a Staff Chaplain at the Monroe Carrell, Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt.



Dr. Dane Chetkovich is a neuroscientist, neurologist and professor and chair of Neurology at Vanderbilt University Medical School. His research laboratory is focused on the molecular mechanisms that underlie neuropsychiatric diseases. He has been an invited speaker at lectures and conferences nationally and internationally. Dr. Chetkovich is a member of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology Certification Committee.



Rabbi Saul Strosberg joined Sherith Israel as its spiritual leader in August 2005. A native of Schenectady, NY, Rabbi Strosberg received his ordination from Yeshivat Chovevei Torah, under the leadership of Rabbi Avi Weiss. Strosberg is the director of the Nashville Kosher Commission, rabbinic coordinator for the Nashville eruv, and is the founder of JMS Nashville, the community's innovative Jewish middle school. Rabbi Strosberg is married to Rabba Daniella Pressner, who is the principal at Akiva School, and together, they are the proud and grateful parents of Cole, Amalia, Ravital, and Yedid.



Rev. Tamika Robertson in the new staff chaplain at Vanderbilt Psychiatric Hospital

*Give your hands to serve,
and your hearts to love. -
Mother Teresa*

Special Thanks

Consultation and Assessment Committee Members: Rev. Jo Brenneman-Fullwood, Rev. J. Fred Ehrman, Rev. Mary Stewart Hall, Rec. Christy Howard-Steele, Rev. Israel Mutema, Rev. Joseph Yao Kotay, Rev. Jan McCabe, Rev. Ida Regina-Oliver, and Fr. Steven Voytovich.

Exit Interviewers: Rev. Peter Keese and Terrell Smith

Didactic Speakers: Rev. Jan McCabe, Rev. Eric Hillabrant, Rev. Joseph Yao Kotay, Rev. Israel Mutema, Rev. Dana C.J. Schroeder, Imam Ossama Bahloul, Dr. Andy Wooldridge, Dr. Tom Knowles-Bagwell, Dr. William Thiele, Dr. Michael Chetkovich, and Dr. Keith Meador

HR Support: Miki Spurrier and Kalandrian Davis

Prayer Shawl Donations:

Nashville Korean Presbyterian Church donates third batch of Prayer Shawls.



Grace United Methodist Church continues to provide prayer shawls for children and adult patients.



*The schedule for the virtual
Wednesday Noon Service in
April and May 2023:*

*April 19 Chaplain Josefine
Parker*

April 26 Rev. Sherry Perry

*May 3 Chaplain Funmi
Olufunmilayo*

*May 10 Chaplain Brian
Wilkins*

*May 17 Rev. Cordell
Simpson*

*May 24 Rev. Tamika
Robertson*

*May 31 Rev. Patricia
Shropshire*

Kudos

Chaplain resident Ethan Levin **has been nominated for the 2023 Patient and Family Choice Award** from Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital.

This award honors Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt staff and faculty who act with compassion and excellence to provide an exceptional experience for patients and their families. It is awarded each year by the Family Advisory Council to one who most exhibits the values of the Vanderbilt Patient and Family Promise.

Only patients and family members can submit nominations, and someone was so moved by your performance at work that you were nominated for this award.

Congratulations, Ethan! Thank you for your spiritual care to patients and families with compassion and excellence. We are very much proud of you!

Announcements

The VUMC CPE program is now accepting applications for the following programs:

- CPE Residency 2023-2024
(September 5, 2023 - August 30, 2024)
- CPE Fall 2023 Extended Unit
(August 28 - December 29, 2023)

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

Virtual Wednesday Noon Service
All Faiths are welcome!
Join Wednesdays via Microsoft Teams:
<http://bit.ly/3HlCat5>



Or use phone camera to scan the QR Code:
Every Wednesday, 12:00 - 12:20 pm
For patients, families, and staff