

AAPC EASTERN REGION

New Jersey, New York
the Canadian Province of Ontario

2009 – 2010 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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LETTER FROM THE CHAIR:

Things are changing in AAPC- partly because they need to, and partly because they have to. Business as usual is not working. Our membership continues to decline and since our budget is almost entirely supported by membership dues, you can see where that's headed.

Who needs AAPC anyway? In the past, our "raison d'être" was about establishing standards for professional competence and certifying our members accordingly. As state licenses, for which many of us worked long and hard, have come into reality, the certification of clinical competence has shifted to those licensing bodies. So what role does AAPC play? Perhaps something to do with the integration of spirituality into the picture?

I have just returned from the annual meeting of the Association Action Council of AAPC. This group is made up of our national officers and chairs of standing committees along with the chairs of regions. Recognition of the realities and questions facing AAPC's future have been in the works for several years. To see some of the work that has been done, take a look at the draft document "American

Association of Pastoral Counselors: Mission and Vision 2010-2014”, which can be found on the AAPC website. Within a few weeks all members of AAPC will receive a draft of proposed by-law changes inviting your comments- and a few weeks later a final revision proposed for your vote.

Into what form and process do we adapt ourselves? Those deliberations are occurring as you read this and NOW is the time for your input. At this point we face the possibility of great success—or failure! Task forces are at work considering changes in our “certification and accreditation” processes and also our “structure and governance”. Included in all this is the possibility of changing our name to something more along the lines of integrating spirituality with care, counseling and psychotherapy. Suggestions are very welcome.

Please direct your questions/comments to your executive committee members or to me and we will assist you or direct you to someone who can. If AAPC is going to survive, we are going to change. We must expand the umbrella. Who will be included and how?

Be sure to check out on the AAPC website our Annual Conference in Indianapolis, April 15-17. It’s a great way to pick up some CEUs while renewing old friendships and making some new ones. And there will be opportunities for discussions about all the changes that are taking shape. Hope to see you there!


-Tom Willingham, tom@thomaswillingham.com



WATCH FOR: EASTERN REGION CLUSTER MEETINGS organized by the Formation Committee. Last year’s program on shame, led by Jill McNish, was a rich and stimulating program for psychotherapists, pastoral caregivers and parish pastors alike.

 **REGIONAL CONFERENCE** held in Williamstown, Massachusetts with the Northeast Region, usually early in November.

FROM OUR MEMBERS: news both professional and personal. An unsystematic sample shows the richness and creativity of our members. Keep us up to date! Send any news to Thea Crites at hithea2004@yahoo.com!

 **ED ELDER:** On the personal side, I am currently the clerk of my Quaker Quarterly Meeting’s Ministry and Counsel committee as well as secretary of the board of Friends House in Rosehill, a Quaker started and supported residence for formerly homeless people with HIV/AIDS.

On the professional side, I have openings in my therapy group. This is an ongoing therapy group made up of generally high functioning adults exploring issues of work, relationships, spirituality. The group meets Thursday nights from 6-7:30. My office number is 212-917-7111 x 173.

✦ WAYNE GUSTAFSON: I am beginning to take pre-printing orders for my novel, "Community of Promise: The Untold Story of Moses." If interested, you can learn more at www.entospress.com where you will find links to paypal (no account necessary), an interview with the author that my videographer son, Luke, has put on YouTube, and a sample of the first few pages of the book. The introductory offer (\$15) is good until 2-15-10 and I hope to have actual books in hand by around March 1.

Wayne is also in the running for Association Chair of Theological and Social Concerns.

✦ RICH PFEIFFER: In 2000 my wife Anita was diagnosed with breast cancer while we were living and working in NYC. While she had a mastectomy and radiation treatment we moved ahead with our busy life in the Big Apple without missing too many beats. We also became involved in the Integral Institute, which was doing some training workshops and creating an Integral theory (Ken Wilber) study community in Manhattan.

Then in 2005 the discovery of new cancer cells and new medication led us to seriously change our diet and step up our mindfulness meditation practices. We soon decided to move to Sedona, AZ to reduce the stress of our busy life and have time to focus on our spirituality. We are now very involved in Anita's treatment and have helped develop a community group called Integral Sedona, which is great support for both of us. Anita's cancer is presently under control and we are enjoying every beautiful day.

✦ KATHRYN MADDEN: has spent the past year promoting her first book, Dark Light of the Soul, (Lindisfarne Press) and completing The Encyclopedia of Psychology and Religion, (Springer Publications, 2009) which she co-edited. This past year she has lectured at: All Souls Unitarian Church, the Temenos Institute, Marble Collegiate Church and for the Jungian society for Scholarly Studies Annual Conference at Cornell University. She will present at the International Congress for Analytical Psychology in Montreal in August.

Kathryn and her husband have started singing again after a 20 year hiatus, and are involved in wonderful musical projects.

She will be offering supervision-of-supervision for any candidates preparing to move from Fellow to Diplomat. She can be contacted at maddkc@aol.com or through her website: www.kathrynmadden.com