

CONGREGATION-BASED CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION
THE SAMARITAN COUNSELING CENTER
322 Old Falls Blvd., North Tonawanda, NY 14120
The Rev. Robert C. Spilman, CPE Supervisor, ACPE
Web Site: www.congregationbasedclinicalpastoraleducationwny.org

Congregation-Based CPE Class in Western Pennsylvania
August to December 2012

Congregation-Based Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) teaches pastoral care, pastoral leadership, and systems theory for clergy and lay ministers in the church. It is designed for experienced pastors, lay workers, and ministers and seminarians new to pastoral work. Clergy and lay ministers strengthen pastoral and leadership skills, creatively address tension and conflict in the church, and work on their own personal growth in ministry. The program focuses on in depth systemic change and leadership development that reduces congregational anxiety and addresses long-term issues in the church.

CPE Class Location – Clarion, PA at Clarion United Methodist Church
Dates – August 9 to December 14, 2012 – Thursday & Friday every other week.
The application form can be found on the CPE web site listed above.

Congregation-Based CPE includes three creative components:

- Emphasis on pastoral and leadership issues and use of self in ministry.
- Consultation on ministry and theological reflection using the case study CPE format.
- Application of Bowen Family Systems Theory to congregational life.

Participants use their experience in their own churches and other settings as the “clinical material” for learning in the small group process of five to eight students under supervision. The program explores the dynamics of the congregation using the systems theory developed by Dr. Murray Bowen and applied to church leadership by Dr. Edwin Friedman. Participants explore how their position in their family of origin impacts their use of self in ministry, and they work to manage anxiety and maximize strengths.

The CPE program curriculum includes (1) case material from congregational ministry, (2) family of origin work, (3) presentations and discussions on systems theory, theology, and pastoral ministry, and (4) group reflection time designed to strengthen ministry. Contact Rev. Robert Spilman for further information.

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WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CLASS
SUMMER/FALL 2012**

CPE SCHEDULE

August to December 2012

Thursdays: 11 AM to 5 PM – Fridays: 9:30 AM to 5 PM

August 9-10

August 23-24

September 6-7

September 20-21

October 4-5

October 18-19

November 1-2

November 15-16

November 29-30

December 13-14

The CPE schedule may be adjusted after consultation in the CPE class to address possible schedule conflicts in the group. Contact CPE Supervisor Robert Spilman with any schedule concerns (cell: 716-479-7933).

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RETURN TO: The Rev. Robert C. Spilman

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1. Name _____

2. Address _____

Telephone (_____) _____ Cell (_____) _____

E-Mail _____

3. Present Congregation _____

Address _____

Telephone (_____) _____ E-mail _____

4. Date of Birth _____

5. Education:

College _____ Dates _____ Major _____

Seminary _____ Dates _____ Major _____

Ordained (Date) _____

6. Denomination _____ Length of Pastoral Experience _____

ATTACH THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO THIS APPLICATION:

1. A reasonably full account of your life including important events and relationships with persons, especially family of origin, describing the shaping of your identity in the family.
2. A discussion of the development of your spiritual life including faith experiences, your participation in the life of the church, and your decision to enter the ministry.
3. Describe how any significant challenge or loss in your life has impacted your awareness of self or others. Include an assessment of your current health and wellbeing.
4. State what you hope to learn in Congregation-Based CPE including your impression of and expectation for Clinical Pastoral Education.
5. List previous CPE experience, if any, and provide copies of evaluations, if available.
6. Application fee of \$40 payable to: "Samaritan Counseling Center" or "SCC."

Signature of Applicant _____

Date _____

CPE unit applied for: (1) Aug.—Dec. (Clarion, PA: 2012 and Binghamton, NY: 2013) _____

(2) January—May (Buffalo) _____ (3) Feb.—June (Rochester) _____