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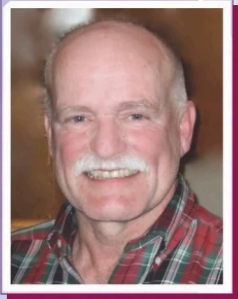
## Easter Blessings



*Have the joy of the coming of Christ be filled in your heart and bring peace into your life.*

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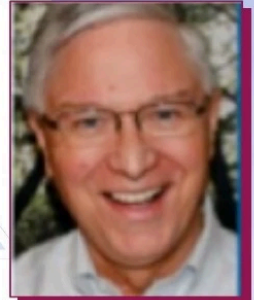
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TOM STRICKER

CHAIRPERSON

## Same Mission, New Statement



TOM CUSACK

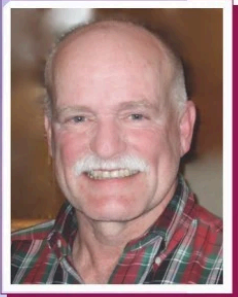
PRESIDENT

**“What is the FCM Mission Statement?”** Over the years, we have asked many members that question, and never found one person who could answer it completely. Three meetings ago, the Circle began a process to address this issue. We researched the steps recommended by those who direct individuals and organizations in developing instruments of this nature: “The best mission statements are clear, concise, and useful. They need to inform, focus, and guide the organization.” “The mission statement articulates an organization’s purpose. It announces to the world at large why the organization exists.”

The Circle set out to follow that advice. In order for it to be something everyone could remember we knew brevity was important. We wanted it to help guide our decisions and those of the membership into the future. After reviewing some 50 mission statements by other organizations, we began to get a feel for what we might create. Each of the members of the Circle was asked to come up with brief statements of who we are. Over the course of three meetings we distilled our ideas. We prayed and listened to the Spirit. Finally, at last month’s meeting we came to a consensus. Recognizing the importance of the vote and in the context of lengthy discussion and reflection by all involved, the Circle voted unanimously to adopt the following:

The Federation of Christian Ministries responds to the Divine Call by empowering and nurturing those inspired for inclusive ministries

We follow our brother Jesus, who himself responded to the Divine Call. He empowered and nurtured his ragged crew of fishermen, tax collectors, physicians, women, and everyday people struggling to live their lives in a meaningful way. He ministered to the centurion, the woman caught in adultery, the tax collector up in a tree trying to see the celebrity walk by, the blind man on the street, and the outcast person with leprosy. We are those same people, everyday people who, like Jesus, are responding to the Divine Call. We are empowered and nurtured so that we can minister to all people regardless of race, position, sexual orientation, wealth or poverty, outcast or not. We are a people of diverse and significant talents. *The Federation of Christian Ministries responds to the Divine Call by empowering and nurturing those inspired for inclusive ministries.* Let’s memorize it, and then live it.



TOM STRICKER

CHAIRPERSON



### Circle Meeting Appointments

As you well know, FCM is a non-profit Convention of Churches managed by volunteers. Each of us and those we serve benefit from the generosity of members who offer their time and talents for the good of our organization. Our gratitude goes out to the following people as the Circle of Directors announces their appointments made at last month's meeting:

**Tony Ercolano** was originally appointed as *Commissioning Chair* in July, 2013. He has served two consecutive three-year terms and has accepted an appointment to a third term, which will begin after the Circle meeting this July. We are seeking a person who would work with Tony to learn the duties of the position and eventually join the Circle. Please contact me at [chairperson@fcmmail.org](mailto:chairperson@fcmmail.org) if you are interested in serving FCM in this capacity.

**Mary Ann Crilly** was originally appointed as the *Registrar for Baptisms and Marriage Registrations* in July, 2016. She is accepting a second three-year appointment beginning at the end of the July meeting. Her efforts in this important position are much appreciated.

**Judith McBride** and **Michael Keefe** were originally appointed to the *Ethics Committee* in July of 2016 and have accepted a second three-year appointment. They will continue advising FCM along with the other members of the committee: Chair **Joe Ruane**, **Tom Quinn**, **Mark Doorley**, and **Leo McIlrath**. We thank them all for their availability for this important task.

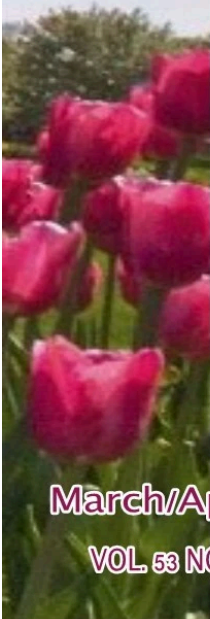
**Anthony Capone** has accepted the appointment as *Prayer Support Leader/Coordinator*. His term begins immediately and will conclude after the July Circle Meeting in 2022. We are thankful for him and his service.

**Tom Cruse** has accepted a three-year appointment as *Newsletter Editor* beginning this July. Great thanks to Tom for taking on this significant responsibility.

**Donna Schreiber** has served as liaison to Global Ministries University (GMU) and has accepted the appointment to another three-year term. Our gratitude goes out to her as well.

The Federation of Christian Ministries could not accomplish all we do without the hard work and dedication of those listed above. Their efforts directly enable our membership to minister to all those we serve. Take a moment to reach out to any of these fellow members and express your gratitude.

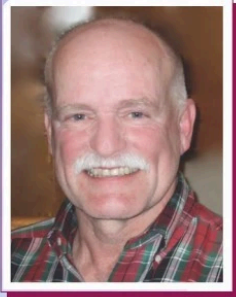
*Thank You!*



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TOM STRICKER

CHAIRPERSON

## Circle of Directors Finishes Successful Gathering

(Editor's note: see the President's message for additional information on the Circle meeting.)

I look back on last month's Circle meeting with a truly grateful heart. My thanks first go to all the members of the Circle for their hard work at this meeting and throughout the year. Much was accomplished thanks to this wonderful team effort. I also want to thank all of you who have held us in your prayers. Your support and good wishes expressed when our picture was posted on Facebook was humbling.

**Survey...** You may recall that one of the action items from last July's Circle meeting was to develop a survey to tap into the wisdom of the membership and make a connection. Volunteers led by **Mary Vidas** (Mountains and Plains Region) have been developing a process that was discussed at our meeting last month. They proposed that the survey needs to proceed in two steps. Throughout this *March* a team of 5 to 7 from each region will reach out to their membership through phone calls so there is personal contact with each member. On *April 1* we will send out an email survey to connect with the membership individually seeking your ideas. We hope in this way we will gain the best information from our diverse membership.

**Prayer Support...** FCM has had a Prayer Support team for years, accessible on our website [http://federationofchristianministries.org/?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=90](http://federationofchristianministries.org/?option=com_content&view=article&id=90) At last month's meeting the Circle appointed **Anthony Capone** (Northeast Region) as the new Prayer Support Leader/Coordinator. We are excited to have his leadership on this important ministry team and welcome the experience he brings. Please take a look at his introductory article in the Newsletter. I would also like to take this opportunity invite you to join Anthony on the team as we would like to increase the number of members. Contact him at [prayersupport@fcmmail.org](mailto:prayersupport@fcmmail.org)

**2020 Assembly...** It is hard to believe but we are already preparing for this event. I am happy to welcome **Peter Strening** (Mountains and Plains Region) as Chairperson for the planning team. We are looking for a few more members, so please contact Peter at [2020Assembly@fcmmail.org](mailto:2020Assembly@fcmmail.org) if you are interested.

**Expanding Digital Contact...** Finally, in the interest of conservation and efficiency, the Circle have decided *information regarding all elections and fall membership renewals will be sent electronically.* Nominations and voting for the position of Chairperson were accomplished smoothly by way of Constant Contact and e-mail and we anticipate the same result with those for regional Vice Presidents. This September you will receive your renewal notice by e-mail. The change from postal service mailing represents a savings on postage, paper and envelopes and more importantly an effort to be mindful of our planet.



### Circle of Directors & Guests

Left to Right: First Row  
Kathy Bean, Jeanne Hale

Second Row:  
Amy Simpson, Donna Schreiber,  
Marita Grudzen, Christy Howard-  
Steele, Diane Dougherty, Heidi  
Tierney.

Third Row:  
Scott Bennion, Carl Yusavitz,  
Tom Leonhardt, Carolyn Horvath,  
Tom Stricker

Fourth Row:  
Anthony Ercolano, Ron Davis,  
Richard James, Tom Cusack,  
Peter Strening

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TOM CUSACK

PRESIDENT

## Wide-ranging Concerns Addressed by Circle

(Editor's note: Chairperson **Tom Stricker** and Treasurer **Heidi Tierney** have also provided information on last month's Circle proceedings.)

Arriving in Cleveland after the worst of the polar vortex was a good sign. Although our time on the North Coast was in many ways typical of a northeast Ohio winter, we managed to avoid storms and other weather nastiness. We got a lot done; some of the work was major and impactful, some was maintenance. Herewith are a few highlights:

**Faith Communities...** For the first time in recent gatherings, the Circle were graced by the presence of **Marita Grudzen**. The first woman certified by FCM, she served as co-president with her husband Gerry early in our history. Marita and my wife **Ginny Cusack** were unanimously appointed as co-chairs for Faith Communities, having already worked with them for some time, facilitating video conference meetings for community leaders and interested FCM members. They will alternate in attendance at Circle meetings to bring the perspective of our faith community members, their problems and their promise into the Circle's discussions. We are grateful to Marita and Ginny for their leadership.

Marita reported on the successful series of video meetings held in 2018 and announced the five sessions that will make up the first part of the 2019 series. The first of these meetings was attended by 14 people. Because we are a convention of churches, FCM is working actively to increase the number of faith community members. I encourage you to introduce our organization to faith community leaders whom you know and invite them to become part of us.

**Mission statement...** The opening article in this issue clearly presents the fruits of our labors, work that has actually taken place over the course of four Circle meetings. I was present at the meeting in 2008 when the Circle adopted our initial statement. Suffice it to say the reality of FCM has changed in those 10 years. The Circle will be continuing its work in this vein by focusing next on our Vision Statement, which may also be revised.

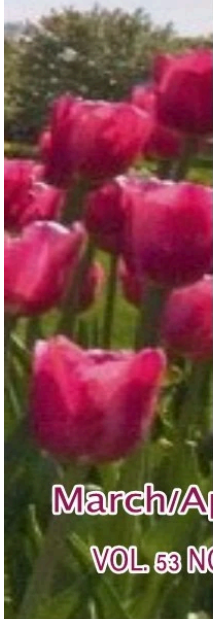
**Endowment...** We took some time to review this important aspect of our future financial security and discussed some additional ways for members to participate.

**Elections...** Very soon two of our regions will be holding elections. Mountains and Plains Vice President **Richard James** is completing his first term in July, signaling a vote for this important position. In addition, Pacific Vice President **Donna Schreiber** is concluding her term and has decided to not to enter her name on the upcoming ballot. Consequently, nominations will be opened shortly in that region as well. We encourage members from both regions to step forward and offer their leadership. These elections will be held electronically for the sake of efficiency, cost, and conservation of resources.

**Bylaws...** In a major cleanup effort, the Circle reviewed the FCM bylaws and made numerous revisions so they reflect our current procedures and operations. The revised bylaws will be posted on the website as soon as the new text is laid out in a format that can be used by our Communication Chair **Antoinette Marold**.

**Climate change...** We opened this topic for discussion recognizing it is an area in which much work needs to be done. The discussion focused on how we can apply our institutional energy going forward so that it becomes a signature issue through which we may help impact the larger community.

It is such an honor to work with these dedicated members of the leadership team. They make a considerable contribution and deserve our ongoing thanks and encouragement. Make part of that support each day in your prayers for the benefit of FCM.



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**GINNY CUSACK & MARITA GRUDZEN  
CO-CHAIRS FAITH COMMUNITIES**



**FAITH COMMUNITIES**

## Faith Community News

*by Ginny Cusack, Faith Community Coordinator*

### Representation on the Circle of Directors

We are happy to announce that FCM Faith Communities now have representation on the Circle of Directors. **Marita Grudzen** and I will share this position representing issues, concerns, and needs of faith communities. Please let us know how we can better serve your faith community. You can reach us at [faithcommunity@fcmail.org](mailto:faithcommunity@fcmail.org).

### Zoom Networking Meetings

We are delighted that 14 people attended the online video meeting on February 3. The topic was "*Global Climate Action: What can we do as individuals and communities to protect Mother Earth as disciples of Christ?*" A whole hearted thank you to Marita for facilitating the lively, informative and inspiring discussion. Email us for the notes or an audio recording of the meeting.

### Future Dates and Topics

**March 3 - *Witness of Women*:** What is the witness of women, based on their moral authority and calling?

**April 7 - *Interfaith*:** How can we as faith communities find ways to build bridges of respect, compassion, understanding, and collaboration with other religious faith communities in our region?

**May 5 - *Contemplation*:** How can we support each other in integration contemplation in our lives which is the source of hope, peace, courage and mission?

**June 2 - *Community as the Leaven of Christ*:** How can we be the leaven of Christ and consider the area where we live our community?

### Additional Meeting Day Consideration

We are willing to schedule another meeting each month on the same topic to accommodate those who are unable to meet on Sundays. Email us with your suggestions.

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HEIDI TIERNEY

TREASURER

## Semi-Annual Report Offers Good News

At last month's Circle meeting, I began my report by stating we are truly living into our non-profit status. Now halfway through the fiscal year, we should be proud of how we are managing the assets and expenses for ministry for FCM. I went on to say that we have collected revenue of \$60,925.82 (66% of our projected revenue budget) giving us an operating account totaling \$117,712.54. Our operating expenses total \$41,472.83 (40% of our projected expense budget) for the 6-month period. We have yet to incur 60% of our budgeted expenses totaling \$63,000.00, while we have collected most of our revenue for the year, meaning we are on track to have our revenues equal our expenses.

Our operating budget is supported primarily through membership dues and by your contributions. Thank you to all who have paid their dues timely and expeditiously. Although at this point in our fiscal year we have collected the majority of our dues, we will continue to receive application fees, and those plus your generous donations continue to make a real difference in support of our mission and vision.

Thank you all for your intentional efforts to ensure that the Federation of Christian Ministries continues to enable and empower all of us to be in ministry.



**BAPTISM**

**All FCM member who preside at BAPTISMS**

**You are required to register the baptism with the FCM Registry Office**

**The registry form is available on the FCM website.**

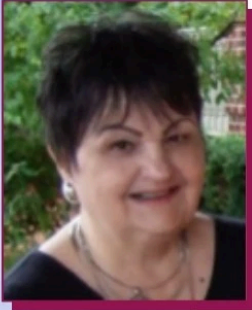
Questions? Please email [registry@FCMmail.org](mailto:registry@FCMmail.org)

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**ANTOINETTE  
MAROLD**

COMMUNICATION

## Updates to Website Announced

The home page of our website [www.federationofchristianministries.org](http://www.federationofchristianministries.org) has undergone several changes beginning with how you log in as a member. The new location is now designated as **FCM Members Realm Login** and it is how you access the FCM data base. If you have not received an invitation to login to Realm please contact your regional vice president or email [connect@FCMmail.org](mailto:connect@FCMmail.org). Once you enter the site you can check your listing and make any necessary corrections at any time. The FCM membership directory is also available on the Realm site.

### New Listings on the FCM Home page:

1. **The Ministry Listing Form** that was in our old login for members is now on the homepage. If you would like your ministry listed you must complete the form. This is a benefit of membership. You can select 3 ministries to be listed under at no cost to you. You will be expected to update this request in February of each calendar year. You can complete the form online or download the pdf and mail it to the FCM Central Office.
2. **The Baptism Registry Form** is an essential item. If you preside at a baptism you **MUST** register the baptism with FCM. Complete and submit the form. A pdf form is also available for download.
3. **The Marriage Registry Form** is not mandatory but suggested. It is available as a pdf for download.
4. **The Holy Union Registry Form** is also not mandatory but suggested. A pdf form is available.
5. **FCM Newsletters** are available at our [FCMblog.org](http://FCMblog.org) site. Along with the most recent issue you will find an archive of the previous year's publications. Click on the blue box marked **Blog & Newsletter** on the home page.

**RECENTLY ADDED: RESOURCES FOR FCM MINISTERS** found by clicking the blue button marked **Resources for FCM Members** on the home page.

**ALSO NEW: FCM ENDOWMENT POLICY** found by clicking the blue button marked **FCM Endowment Policy** on the home page.

**TWITTER...FCM** has a new Twitter account [@FCMinst@twitter.com](https://twitter.com/FCMinst) Connect with us! And remember you can also connect with FCM through *Facebook* and *Linkedin*.

**NEW CENTRAL OFFICE PHONE NUMBER: 216.571.7698**

[www.federationofchristianministries.org](http://www.federationofchristianministries.org)



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PETER STRENING

## Leading the Way

Specialized Ministries within FCM offers support for members who find themselves called to ministries where particular recognition, through Commissioning or Endorsement, will enhance and facilitate their capacity to serve others. **Commissioning** is offered to members who have discerned a call to ministry, and wish to live out that call in a public way. **Endorsement** is often sought by members who are involved in ministries that require acknowledgement by a faith community of the minister's competence, good standing and accountability, collegiality, adherence to ethical practice, and academic and clinical education.

Specialized Ministries has a "place at the table" with FCM's Circle of Directors. The Circle membership includes **Anthony Ercolano**, the Chair of Commissioning, **Christy Howard-Steele**, the Chair of Specialized Ministries, and **Jeanne Hale**, the Vice-Chair. Anthony assists members as they make their way through the process of Commissioning. Christy and Jeanne lead a team of endorsed members who serve as resources for those who are pursuing chaplaincy, clinical education, pastoral counseling, spiritual direction and other ministries that may require endorsement and/or certification by employers and professional organizations. The work of Specialized Ministries is closely connected with the work of the Circle, and the collaboration helps to advance our mission.

Commissioned and endorsed members are more often than not involved in ministering to people of wide-ranging beliefs, practices and values. Many of the contexts in which they serve contain diverse populations, reflecting the increasingly pluralistic nature of our culture. Settings such as health care (hospital, senior care, home care, hospice), education, community service and advocacy, and others are characterized by diverse people with diverse religious and spiritual needs.

As the ministry of FCM engages life in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, it is more important than ever that members are equipped to be responsive to the evolving perspectives on faith, religion and spirituality held by those we serve.

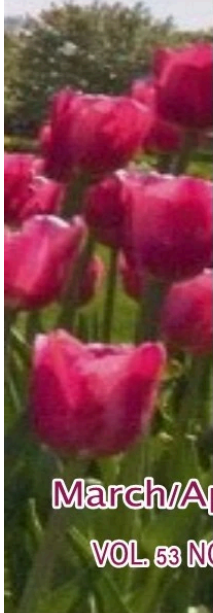
Commissioned members frequently provide leadership and care in the context of transitional moments in people's lives, where marking the transition with ritual or ceremony is vital to the care and affirmation of those individuals. Many times people are seeking our ministry because they have found themselves ill at ease with, or prohibited, or perhaps even rejected by their traditional communities of faith.

Commissioned members are able to create and hold space that allows individuals to be who they are as they seek out the care of a minister. Their public ministry is evidence of FCM's work as a Christ-inspired organization that welcomes people of all spiritual persuasions.

Our endorsed members encounter individuals and groups who have been brought together out of their particular concern, be it health care, education, counseling, or basic human needs. These individuals bring with them rich expressions of faith and belief, diverse spiritual practices, and profound questions about themselves, the Sacred, and purpose and meaning. Chaplains, counselors, educators and spiritual directors who have endorsement from FCM possess the education, clinical training, wisdom and experience to respond helpfully to those in need. But it is not only what these members are able to do for others that is important. It is also *who they are*: ministers who are ready, willing and able to form relationships with all those who seek our care and service, inclusive of the widest range of values and beliefs.

I believe those FCM members who have been commissioned and endorsed, with the power of their open and inclusive spirits, are leading the way toward new possibilities for ministry. They are helping us to imagine ways of serving others outside of our traditional paradigms. In doing so, they are being true to the mission, vision and values of FCM. Our increasingly diverse world presents challenges to all who engage in ministry. Specialized Ministries is a resource to help FCM members embrace these challenges as opportunities to welcome people of all spiritual persuasions.

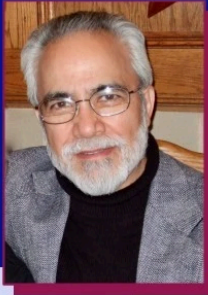
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# CORPUS.org



## A Ministerial Community

NICK DE LOS REYES

FCM FAITH COMMUNITY

### CORPUS: Past, Present, Future

(Editor's note: Thanks to Nick, former Pacific Region co-VP and current CORPUS co-chair for submitting this article, the latest in our ongoing series on group members.)

The origins of both **FCM and CORPUS** are delineated in the book *Free Priests* by William F. Powers (1992). Following Vatican Council II (1962-1965), an informal movement started among resigned Roman Catholic priests to gain greater ministerial freedom within the Catholic Church, with some calling for the freedom of priests to marry and continue to minister within the institution. Two organizations emerged from this movement: **FCM and CORPUS**.

**FCM** eventually developed into the "Convention of Churches" it is today, with a focus on offering commissioning/ordination and endorsement for professionals seeking board certification.

**CORPUS** was founded with a focus on achieving optional celibacy for Roman Catholic priests and the possible return to canonical ministry by priests who had left the clerical state in order to marry. At the start, there was considerable overlap of membership in **FCM and CORPUS**.

**CORPUS** has served as a source of acceptance, support, and ongoing theological education for its members. It has been a consistent prophetic voice advocating for reform and renewal of the Catholic Church, an inclusive priesthood, without distinction between celibate and married, male and female, straight or gay. **CORPUS** continues to advocate for these and other issues of social justice through its membership in Catholic Organizations for Renewal (COR). This twenty-five year "young" association of several reform-minded organizations continues to witness to the authentic, catholic, progressive teaching.

Although aging, **CORPUS** continues to be a vibrant organization dedicated to honoring its members and promoting its objectives. The spirit of Vatican II which gave birth to CORPUS will continue into future generations. It is increasing usage of electronic technology to educate and communicate with its members and is excited about the possibility of partnering with other groups such as FCM and FutureChurch in the use of such technology.

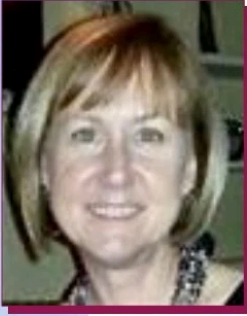
### CORPUS Members



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LINDA MCKNIGHT



## Moral Injury Among Military Veterans

(Editor's note: Thanks to Mountains and Plains Region member and VA chaplain Linda McKnight for submitting this article. It originally appeared in the FCM blog, our Twitter account and Facebook page. She may be contacted at [linda.mcknight@va.gov](mailto:linda.mcknight@va.gov), or at (915) 564-6100 ext. 6012.)

### What is Moral Injury?

Moral Injury is becoming a hot topic in treating veterans at VA Medical Centers, one in which chaplains are leading the way. Moral injury can be defined as harm caused by "perpetrating, failing to prevent, witnessing, or learning about actions that violate deeply held moral beliefs and expectations".<sup>1</sup> These moral beliefs and expectations can develop in childhood through values held by parents or teachers. Religious instruction can also have a major influence in a person's life through such teaching as the commandment, "Thou shall not kill," or by the teaching of Jesus Christ to "Do to others as you would have them do to you." Moral injury can co-occur with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Symptoms of moral injury include guilt and shame, and injury is from the perspective or interpretation of the person suffering.

### A Spiritual Issue

Moral injury is a spiritual injury as well as a mental health issue. It can have a profound impact on a person's spiritual life. They may become angry at God, questioning "If God is loving, how could these things take place?" In addition, they may believe God will never forgive them for their actions that caused their moral injury.

Persons with moral injury struggle with self-forgiveness, and sometimes other-forgiveness. They struggle with offering themselves compassion. They may identify themselves as a monster, a killer, unredeemable, unlovable, etc.

### Healing from Moral Injury

In my experience, healing from moral injury includes learning to show oneself and others compassion and self-forgiveness. At the El Paso VA Health Care System, I co-facilitate a ten-week moral injury group using a program originally developed by the Portland VA Medical Center. The group is facilitated using Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT). The principle of ACT is that once something has happened there is no changing the event.

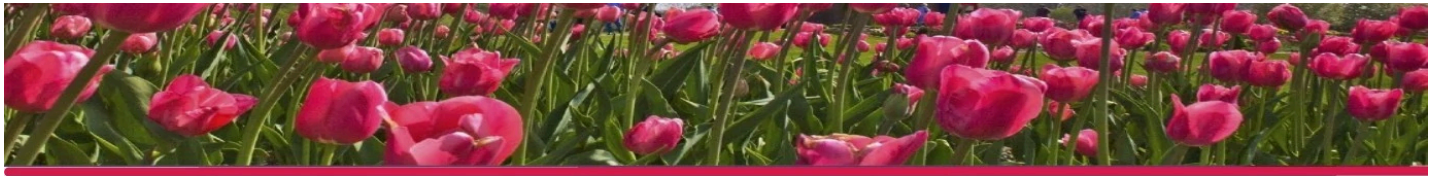
Rather than trying to change one's thinking about the event itself, a person can learn to accept that the event cannot be changed. The idea behind acceptance is that pain is inevitable, but suffering is optional. The person becomes present-focused, able to begin living a life that honors one's own values. For instance, if a person values family, but because of their moral injury they isolate out of guilt and shame, then they're not living their values. With ACT, they learn to accept what has happened, offering themselves compassion and self-forgiveness thereby breaking free from the guilt and shame. They can then begin taking action that will align with their value of family.

In our program, we use very specific exercises that lead the group through mindfulness techniques to learn how to become present-focused, defusing of thoughts of the moral injury event(s), developing compassion for oneself, self-forgiveness, and then living into committed action that honors their values. We have had great success with veterans beginning the recovery process from their moral injury. I've now begun a support group for those who have completed the program and are wanting follow-up support.

Veterans seek support in the group, and also support one another in their continued healing. Emphasis is given to encourage veterans in the practices learned in the group such as mindfulness, self-forgiveness, self-compassion, and their committed actions toward their values. It is wonderful to observe the healing process of our veterans.

<sup>1</sup>Litz et al., 2009. "Moral injury and moral repair in war veterans: A preliminary model and intervention strategy." *Clinical Psychology Review*, 29, 695-706.

<sup>2</sup>Arrow, H. and Schumacher, W. M. (November 9, 2017). "What is moral injury in veterans?" *The Conversation*.



# With Deepest Sympathy

Words cannot express our sadness.  
May the comfort of God help you through this difficult time



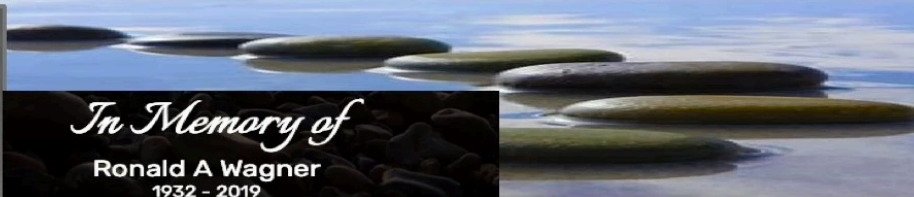
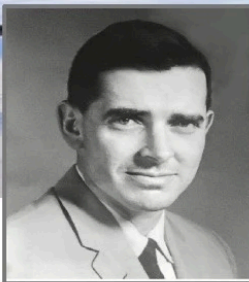
## FCM Member James Hushek

Glendale AZ - James 'Jim' Hushek ("Fr. Jim"), 78, passed away peacefully after a two-year illness on January 15th, 2019. He was the loving husband of Carol Hushek. Carol is also a member of FCM.

Jim graduated from Marquette High School and entered the Seminary to become a Discalced Carmelite Priest. In 1988 Jim left the active ministry and in 1989 he married Carol (Lemense). They moved to Phoenix, AZ where he worked at Phoenix Heat Treating until his death.

Jim also officiated over 2,000 marriages from 1994 until his last one on December 12th, 2018. He was a member of the Federation of Christian Ministries. He is survived by his wife Carol, his (step) children, grandchildren and great-grandson.

Condolences:  
Carol Hushek.....6620 N. 48th Drive, Glendale, AZ 85301-4170



## *In Memory of* Ronald A Wagner 1932 - 2019

Husband of FCM Faith Community member Ann Wagner

Ronald Arthur Wagner, born on May 26, 1932 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. passed away at age 86 on February 4, 2019 surrounded by his loving family.

Ronald served in the Air Force with the Strategic Air Command.

Ronald was the beloved husband of FCM member, Anna C. Harris Wagner.

He was preceded in death by his son, and is survived by his daughters, brother, and grandchildren.



**ANTHONY CAPONE**

PRAYER SUPPORT

## New Coordinator Reaches Out

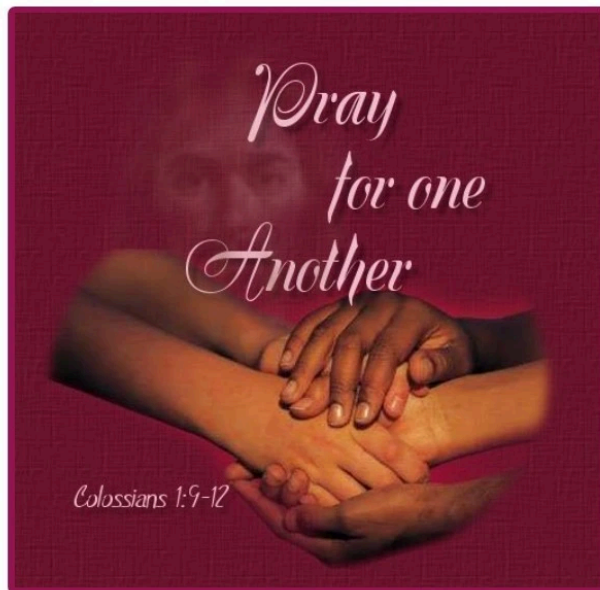
(Editor's note: thanks to Anthony for this article and his ministry. He is a member of the Northeast region.)

I would like to thank the Circle of Directors for allowing me the opportunity to serve as **Prayer Support Leader/Coordinator**. I recently became a commissioned member and have been looking for a way to get involved. While reading the last newsletter I read about the request for someone to fill this position. I have always been a believer in using our gifts to help others and that when the time is right the opportunity will present itself. This seems to be one of those times. I thought, what better way to use my experience as a Spiritual Director than for this position?

I would like to try my hand at this important ministry to grow our awareness of the importance of prayer in our lives and how that can be transferred into helping others and ourselves along the way. I have some ideas to rejuvenate our existing prayer support ministry and am open to other suggestions as well.

In the words of Henri Nouwen: "Prayer requires that we stand in God's presence with open hands, naked and vulnerable, proclaiming to ourselves and to others that without God we can do nothing. As disciples, we find not some but all of our strength, hope, courage, and confidence in God. Therefore, prayer must be our first concern."

It is my hope that you consider joining me and together we could be there for those that are in need of support, hope and healing. How awesome it would be if we could tell those in need of prayer that we have this large team honoring their request!



Prayer Support is available on the FCM website.

Click on the Prayer Support Button on the Home Page.

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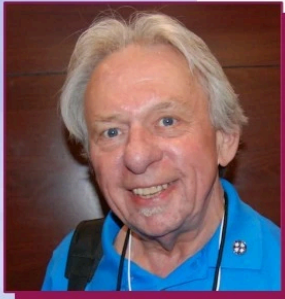
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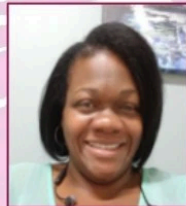
## New Members Highlight Regional News

**Save the Date!...** We are pleased to announce that our FCM Northeast Region will be meeting for our biennial retreat at Eddy Farm this fall - **October 11th - 13th**. We shifted our meeting time from the late spring to early fall, to give us more time to prepare for the weekend and to enjoy the beautiful fall foliage. We now need volunteers to help plan our retreat... Please consider joining our retreat planning committee. Thank you!

**Eddy Farm** is a Christian retreat and conference center located on the Delaware River Gorge between the Catskill Mountains to the North and the Pocono Mountains to the South - near Port Jervis, NY. Here is a view of the Delaware River from their porch!



**Newly Commissioned and Endorsed Members...** Congratulations are in order for members of the Northeast Region who were recently commissioned: **Elrica Adams-Finney**, completing a 12-month full-time CPE residency at Reading Hospital (Tower Health) in Reading, PA; **Ron Cyktor**, a full-time interfaith staff chaplain at Geisinger Health System's Wilkes-Barre, PA, hospital; **Eugene Search**, an interfaith staff chaplain and coordinator of chaplaincy services at St. Luke's University Health Network, Allentown, PA, hospital; and **Joni Johnson**, a "flex" chaplain at the Geisinger Health System's Danville, PA, hospital.



Elrica Adams-Finney



Ron Cyktor



Eugene Search



Joni Johnson

Congratulations also to members of the Northeast Region who were recently endorsed: **Susan Iliff**, an ACPE certified educator candidate and chaplain at Tower Health, Reading, PA, and a member from Boston.

**Deepest Sympathy...** Please pray for FCM member **Ann Wagner** and her family. Ann's husband Ron died on February 4, 2019 and we extend our deepest sympathy to Ann, her family, and her "Living Presence" faith community.

**Important FCM survey coming...** Everyone in the Region will be personally invited by phone to contribute important feedback to an upcoming (March) FCM survey. The FCM survey committee and Circle of Directors have been working diligently to design this important survey. PLEASE respond to the survey thoughtfully. Your input is very important to the future of FCM!

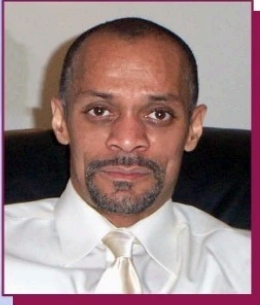
**Area representatives and regional gatherings...** Our region is blessed to have 7 area representatives to help with pastoral care, endorsement committee interviews, and hosting area gatherings. These get-togethers can be very informal and unstructured – an opportunity to meet other FCM members in your area, as well as check-in with one another. Looking at our large region, these areas seem logical for gatherings: Connecticut, Greater Boston area, NYC and Northern NJ, Southern NJ, Greater Philadelphia, Central PA, and the Lehigh Valley (PA). If you would like to host a regional gathering at your home or church, please let me know, so we can plan and let others in your area know. So far, three gatherings are planned.

**Have your logged onto Realm?...** As you are aware, FCM has a new membership/data base called "Realm." All of you have been added to Realm's data base, but not all of you have logged onto Realm and filled out your personal profile – with a current picture! Please consider doing this ASAP, since I will be using Realm to communicate to our region, with FCM Circle elections (electronic voting) coming up this spring.

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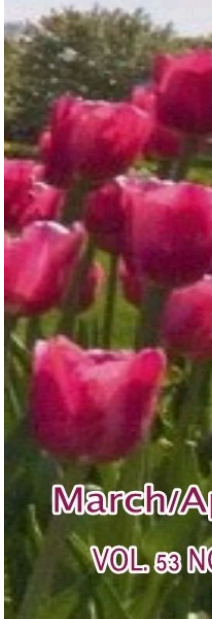
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**RON DAVIS**  
**VICE PRESIDENT**

GREAT LAKES REGION



## Regional Events, New Members

Our first regional event of 2019 took place in **Louisville** on January 19 when members gathered for a pitch-in breakfast to share fellowship and resources. Participants included **Bob Mueller, Tony Heitzman, Shannon Queenan, Peggy Holthaus, Rafael Macarena** and **C. Renee Yarmuth**. Chaplain **Mary Jo Kruer**, a regular attendee was on-call at Hosparus/ Hospice and could not participate. The Louisville group meet quarterly and their other get-togethers are scheduled for April 13, July 20, and October 19.

The **Cincinnati/Dayton** group had their first meeting February 16 (editor's note: due to our publishing deadline, no details were available). The **Cleveland** group will be meeting on March 31. Upcoming events are slated for **Columbus, Indianapolis** and **Michigan** (location TBA). These events provide a great opportunity for mutual care and support throughout the region. Please know you are welcome to participate in any gathering, so watch for information on times and dates!

In recognition of the five new members from the region accepted for commissioning at the February Circle meeting, the events in Columbus, Indianapolis and Cleveland will be special times to honor each one and share fellowship as part of the FCM family. Join us in welcoming them:

**Will Grinstead** was raised in an evangelical home, a bright individual who had dreams of a life in ministry. He began his higher education at Ball State University where he earned a BS in Religious Studies, later attending Liberty Theological Seminary where he received a MDiv and eventually a ThM. Will and his wife are parents of an adopted son and he describes their journey in this way: "It was not until our son was born that I understood more about what my ministry would look like. We had agreed to adopt him, knowing that his birthmother had been on methadone throughout her pregnancy. I remember sitting with him one morning and feeling completely alone, as if I were at the bottom of a deepening chasm. I wondered where God was in this. Could God be in this? Rather than an answer, I got a vocation." He has completed 5 units of CPE and has been working at Indiana University Health Center since 2012.



**Marjory Holt** describes her a ministry as a call to service of the sick and the dying. Her life has been changed by God and this change has moved her into full-time ministry. She earned her BS in Creative Writing at Ashland University and her MDiv at Candler School of Theology/Emory University in 2015. She completed two units of CPE at the Care & Counseling Center of GA and two units of CPE at Ohio State University. Marjory has a lot of love for God and desires to give back to others. She has been working at Ohio Health Mansfield Hospital for 1½ years. According to Rev. Dr. Faith Proietti, "Marjory actively administers compassion and respect towards others." She desires to become a board-certified chaplain.



**Shanon Sterringer** completed her BA in Religious Studies at Cleveland State, and has completed two MA degrees, one at St. Mary's Seminary and the other at Ursuline College, both in Cleveland. She completed a DMin at St. Mary's, writing her dissertation on "Celebrating the Gift of Women to the Life and Mission of the Church." In addition, she has completed a PhD at Union Institute and University, with a dissertation titled "Empowered by the Living Light: Who Was the 12th Century Nun Hildegard of Bingen and What Does She Have to Say to Lay Ecclesial Leadership Today?" Along with being a scholar of great note, Shanon is a gifted preacher and has worked hard to provide service and care to people of all ages. Together with her husband she purchased and renovated a church in northeastern Ohio, working to make it a place of ministry and a haven of hope in her community.



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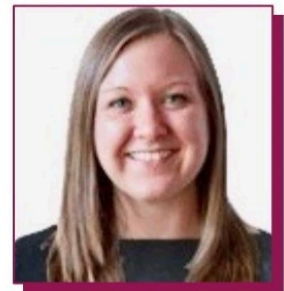


## Regional Events, New Members cont'd

**Phillip Green** comes to us with significant experience in higher education. He earned his bachelor's degree in Comparative Religions from the University of Washington and went on to a Master's degree and PhD in Religion at the University of Florida. Phillip taught courses in religious studies at the College of Idaho, the University of Florida and Kalamazoo College. In 2017 he left academia because he felt called to do religion, not just teach religion. He entered his residency at Ohio State University Medical Center and fell in love with hospital chaplaincy. Phillip has a compassionate heart and is willing to journey with those in need, demonstrating emotional maturity in the way that he provides care. He is a loving husband and father, a gifted man who shows excitement about his journey with God and humankind.



**Suzanne Ujvagi** is the daughter of Hungarian refugees with strong roots in the Catholic Church. Forced to leave their homeland because of the violence they experienced, her ancestors found strength and support through their religion, leading to her continuing love of her faith. Suzanne earned a BA in Religious Studies at the University of Toledo and an MSW at Hunter College School of Social Work in New York, NY. She earned her MDiv at Union Theological Seminary, also in New York. A member of the LGBTQ community, Suzanne sought commissioning because FCM affords her a chance to serve God as a chaplain and remain true to who she is while keeping her connection with the Catholic Church. She is the night chaplain at St. Vincent Medical Center in Toledo, where she is respected for the care she provides to her patients and their families.



We offer a heartfelt welcome to this group of newly-commissioned ministers from our region and pray God's blessings over them.



Save the Date.. members and friends of the Great Lakes Region...

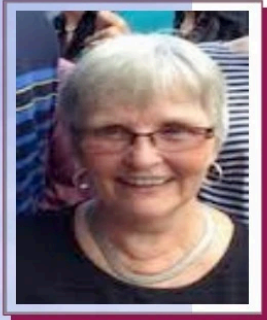
**Maria Stein Conference and Retreat Center has been reserved for us for October 4 -6, 2019.** As in 2017, we will be there the same time as the Minster, Ohio Oktoberfest. For those of you who are up for a challenge, there is a 10k race taking place early Saturday morning on October 5<sup>th</sup> as part of the Festival. You still have time to train ☺ We will duplicate our planning effort from 2017 with a different area of the region taking the lead for each of the weekend's segments.

In addition, we continue to put a schedule of **local gatherings together for 2019.** Our hope is to have times set aside to gather so that we can offer support and encouragement to one another so **STAY TUNED!**

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**DIANE DOUGHERTY**  
**VICE PRESIDENT**

## Southern Region is Growing

Thank you for making 2018 a banner year for renewals to FCM. To date we have 87 members in our region, including our newest additions...

**Michelle Mehan - Port Richey, FL**

Michelle was *endorsed* in November and is continuing to minister at Bay Care in Florida. She earned an MA in Practical Theology from Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur GA and has completed 5 units of CPE. She says her life experiences and continued pursuit of ongoing education drive her to continue learning and developing her skills as a chaplain.

**Laura Moenning Smith - Odessa, FL**

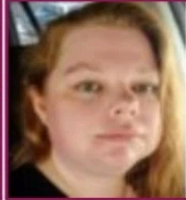
Trained in the legal field, Laura found her calling to ministry in chaplaincy work. Beginning her CPE in 2013 at Morton Plant Hospital in Clearwater FL, she completed her training at Tampa General Hospital in 2015. In the midst of that she earned an MDiv from Eden Theological Seminary in Webster Groves, MO. Now that she is *endorsed* by FCM, she will pursue board certification.



Michelle Mehan



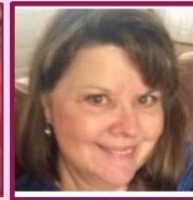
Laura Moenning Smith



Cecelia Hurley



Shelly Gilchrist



Beth Knight

**Cecelia Hurley - Attapulcus, GA**

It is with great joy that I present Cecelia as a *commissioned* member of FCM who will be seeking endorsement. Cecelia is currently seeking employment in the area of Hospice or Chaplaincy. She is looking forward to surrounding herself with a new community of colleagues involved in hospital and hospice ministry.

**Shelley Gilchrist - Deland, FL**

In February 2018, Shelley celebrated her call to serve by becoming a *commissioned* member of FCM. Revs. **Miriam Picconi** and **Wanda Russell** of Palm Coast Catholic Inclusive Ministries commissioned her and welcomed her into their faith community. She is now announcing with great joy that she will become a Deacon in the Association of Roman Catholic Women Priests, continuing to serve Palm Coast. Congratulations to Shelley and her community! Your call to serve in Inclusive Ministries is an important witness to all.

**Beth Knight - Clermont, FL**

Beth is a spiritual director and pastoral counselor at Central FL Psychological Consultants. She is affiliated with the Celtic Order of St Brigid and is a deacon with a small contemplative network of house churches.



**Virginia Hagan - Gainesville, FL**

Virginia works at UF Health in Gainesville as an RN and intends to pursue her call to chaplaincy at the Asbury Seminary in Orlando. She is a member of United Methodist Church.



**Rebecca Bass - Clearwater, FL**

has served as the chaplain in a large continuous care Retirement community and as a Spiritual Director in private practice for 10 years.



**Sarah Powell, Gulfport, MS**

Sarah is a Navy Chaplain and is affiliated with the Presbyterian Church in Gulfport, MS. She is seeking Commissioning and Endorsement as well as board certification.

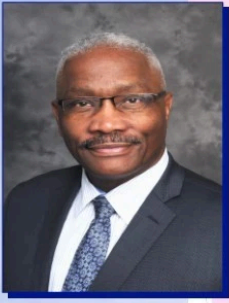
**Help wanted...**

As we prepare for the next 50 years of service, FCM will conduct a survey, the first step of which is phone contact with all members of the region. This will take place from March 1-31. I am looking for volunteers and would appreciate your participation. Please call me at (678) 918-1945. Thanks to two members who have already signed on: **Ryan Mulkowski** and **Laura Callender!**

We are grateful for the presence of all these women and wish them well in their ministry!

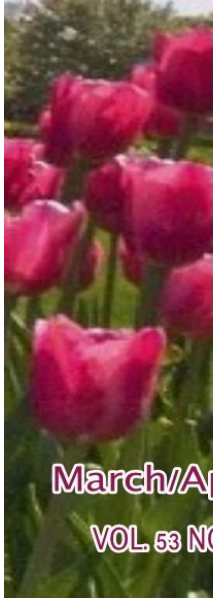
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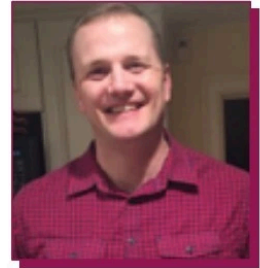
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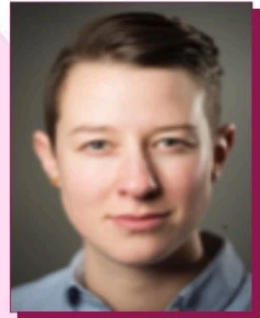
## New Members Enrich Region

Please join us in grateful welcome and congratulations to these sisters and brothers who are now part of our mission:

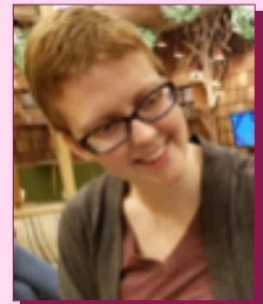
**Christopher W. Lillehei** earned a BA from St. Olaf College and an MDiv from Luther Seminary. His CPE experience includes the completion of an Internship at Unity Hospital and a residency at Abbott Northwestern Hospital. He has served as a chaplain at Allina Health Abbott Northwestern Hospital, Regions Hospital, Children’s Hospital and Covenant Cove and is currently a chaplain for Allina Health supporting the River Falls, Wisconsin Clinic and their Emergency Medical Services. Christopher is also working toward FCM endorsement and becoming a Board-Certified Chaplain. Endorsed member **Conner Simms** says, “as a result of his inclusive, humble, and caring spirit, Chris has repeatedly exhibited a non-anxious presence in the most difficult of circumstances. From the ER to our Surgical Intensive Care Unit to Inpatient Mental Health, Chris leaves patients, visitors, and staff with a lasting sense of spiritual peace.”



**Abbie M. Engelstad** earned a BA from the University of Minnesota and an M Div from Harvard Divinity School. She has served as a Ministerial Intern at Faith Lutheran Church in Cambridge, MA; a Chaplain Intern at United Hospital, Saint Paul, MN, and a Chaplain Resident at Brigham and Women’s Hospital, in Boston. Currently, Abbie is a Staff Chaplain at United Hospital and River Falls Area Hospital in Wisconsin. Abbie is also working toward FCM endorsement and becoming a Board-Certified Chaplain with the Association of Professional Chaplains. Those that know Abbie best such as a CPE Educator report her to be “a bright light in the field of professional chaplaincy possessing good assessment skills, a good instinct for how to connect with people, a strong sense of pastoral identity and professional authority with a broad and open theology that speaks to a wide range of people.”



**Cynthia Anderson-Bauer** grew up as the daughter of two Lutheran pastors. As a child she learned to value social justice, to ask difficult spiritual questions, and to seek the love of God in all things. Though she continues to be influenced by her roots in the Evangelical Lutheran tradition, she identifies as spiritual independent, finding spiritual connection and nourishment in a multiplicity of spiritual communities and practices. Having earned her BA from Colby College in Maine and her MDiv from Harvard Divinity School, Cynthia currently works as an associate chaplain at the University of Minnesota Medical Center and Children’s Hospital, focusing on maternal health and the Neonatal ICU. A lead chaplain colleague says that Cynthia “...creatively approaches the practice of spiritual care with a critical mind towards evidenced-based practice and a reflective lens towards self-care, ritual development, and spiritual reflexivity.” Cynthia is working towards endorsement with FCM and board certification.

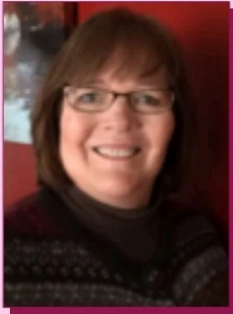


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## New Members Enrich Region cont'd



**Linda F. Mayes** earned a BA in Intercultural Studies from Biola University, an MA in Theology from Fuller Theological Seminary as well as significant post-graduate studies. Sensing an internal nudge for a more direct ministerial role, Linda began clinical chaplaincy training. She has served as a Chaplain Intern and Chaplain Resident at Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital, St. Louis Park, Minneapolis. Linda now serves as a full-time Spiritual Care Minister at Sacred Heart Hospital in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. An ACPE Educator, says that "Linda has a strong connectional presence. She is deeply thoughtful and appropriately humorous or serious depending on what is needed in the moment. She can attune well to cues from others and to shape messages that touch on core emotional issues like grief, fear, and anger through a theological lens of God's grace-filled love." Linda states, "I am very thankful for FCM as I believe it strongly fits with who I am and where I am in my spiritual journey."



**Rev. Dr. Micheal A. Smith** earned a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree from Howard University in Washington, D.C.; a JD from Case Western Reserve University School of Law in Cleveland; and an MDiv and a DMin from the Ecumenical Theological Seminary in Detroit, Michigan. Micheal has served as a Chaplain Intern at Bronson Methodist Hospital Department of Pastoral Care in Kalamazoo, Michigan, as a Chaplain Intern and Chaplain Resident at Advocate Trinity Hospital and Advocate South Suburban Hospital in Chicago, Illinois. An ACPE educator praised him saying, "Rev. Dr. Smith provides pastoral care that respects diversity. He provides pastoral care free of '-isms,' including racism, sexism, classism, ageism, homophobia, religious intolerance and discriminations against those who are differently-abled." Micheal serves currently as the Bishop Anderson House Chaplain Fellow in the trauma and burn units at John H. Stroger Hospital of Cook County in Chicago. Micheal is also seeking endorsement as part of his preparation to become a board-certified chaplain.



### Chaplain Healing Prayer

Source of all life and healing,  
Be with me in this time of physical,  
emotional and spiritual need.

Help me cope with the challenges I am  
facing.

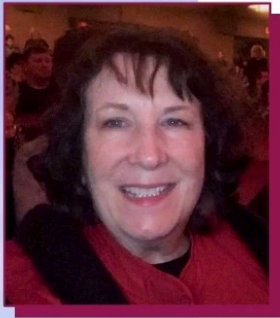
Comfort and encourage those who love  
and care and whose lives have been  
unsettled and disrupted by illness.

I pray for patience and for understanding.  
I pray for strength and wisdom.  
I pray for healing and for inner peace.

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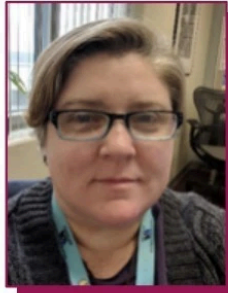
**DONNA SCHREIBER**  
**VICE PRESIDENT**

PACIFIC REGION

## New Members, Gatherings Keep Region Thriving

Please join us in congratulating the following newly commissioned and endorsed members!

**Katjarina Hurt** is a Wilderness Chaplain in Lacey, Washington, a first responder trained in Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) and part of the team that focuses on caring for first responders in wilderness and remote environments. Katja works part-time as a Behavioral Technician at Ashley House in Federal Way, WA where she works with behaviorally-challenged individuals that may also have medical challenges. She also works part-time as an Alpine Patroller and CISM Coordinator at Boyne Resorts Summit at Snoqualmie Pass, as well as volunteering with the Snoqualmie Pass Ski Patrol. Previous endeavors include a stint as volunteer chaplain for the fire department in Waynesville, Missouri.



**Lisa Payan** is currently a VA chaplain in Portland OR. An Army veteran herself, she is uniquely qualified to serve veterans. She facilitates a grief group and a spiritual skills group for women veterans. Lisa's ministry includes spiritual assessments, addressing religious, spiritual, moral and ethical problems of newly admitted, pre-op and post-operative patients, the critically ill and their families, and responding to emergent needs of veterans and family members in the hospital setting. She works with the interdisciplinary team at the Vancouver Community Living Center (CLC) which is a VA Nursing Home. She also provides on-call coverage at the Portland VA Medical Center, including nondenominational Christian worship services during Sunday shifts.



For the last eight years or so, **Tracy Peterson** has been preparing to become a hospital chaplain earning her MDiv. at Fuller Seminary in Pasadena, CA. While in seminary, she battled cancer and thankfully is now three years cancer-free, an experience that has helped her understand and be better prepared to function as a chaplain. She says, "I see the patient in the bed and recognize where they are, they often feel powerless and my role is often to help them find their voice in their own care." Tracy is finishing up her CPE Residency at Banner Desert Medical Center /Cardon's Children's Medical Center in Mesa, AZ. In the past, she volunteered two years in the Peace Corps in Kenya teaching English and served as a teacher and missionary in Japan for three years. We are grateful that Tracy has also stepped up to be an Area Representative in Phoenix, hosting the last two regional meetings.



Finally, we recognize **Gretchen Daniels** on her endorsement. Gretchen's first career was in nursing. Now she is a certified Spiritual Director, having obtained her MDiv and completed 5.5 units of CPE. She is pursuing board certification for chaplaincy. She lives in northern California and has provided assistance to the victims of the California fires. We wish you all the best, Gretchen in your ministry and the attainment of your goals.

**Region Zooms Along...** Our popular online get-togethers offer members a bi-monthly opportunity to enjoy one another's fellowship and discuss concerns on a variety of issues, such as commissioning or endorsement. Join us on the first Saturday of even-numbered months at 5 pm Arizona time.



Our next event is April 6, and future dates to put on your calendar are June 1, August 3, October 5 and December 7. You can use your laptop or mobile device and don't worry if you have not used Zoom before. Just go to [www.zoom.com](http://www.zoom.com) at the appointed time and "Join a meeting." The meeting ID # is **945-171-143**. Hope to see you there. Thanks as always to **Scott Bennion** for putting this together.

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