



The Association of Hong Kong Hospital Christian Chaplaincy Ministry

Professional Chaplaincy Development and Pastoral Education
Annual Report 2011

From Starting to Sustaining a Ministry

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Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain. ~Psalm 127:1-2, NIV~

The Chinese always say, “While it’s never easy to start a business, it’s even more challenging to keep it running.” After a few years of solid ground works, we are now transiting from the initial stage to a collaborative stage of development. AHKHCCM (the Association) continues to invest resources in our two major objectives -- **to further root professional chaplaincy into healthcare settings** and **to improve the professional competencies of chaplains**. The following review shows progress in six major areas of our ministry in 2011.

To Promote Roles and Functions of Professional Chaplaincy

The Association continues to initiate and engage in conversation with chaplains, chaplaincy committees, local congregations, and healthcare professionals with an aim to promote the roles and functions of professional chaplaincy. Through seminars, forums, articles and participations in hospital spiritual care service committees, the Association commits to demonstrate the unique identity and responsibility of professional chaplaincy in healthcare settings, which are playing a different role and yet collaborative with other professional disciplines. The Association is honored to be invited by pastors in Tung Chung, Northern Lantau Island to help local churches to organize themselves for setting up the chaplaincy ministry in the upcoming community hospital which is planned to be completed

by the end of 2012. The Association assumes the role of promotion and advisor and commits that this role is an important core value of our mission.



Spiritual Care Service Committee, NTEC, HA



A preparatory forum held in Tung Chung



A group picture taken in front of the construction site of Tung Chung Hospital



Spiritual Care Seminar for medical staff, KCC, HA

To Enhance Chaplain Continuing Education (CCE)

The Association sees continuous education a prerequisite for professional chaplaincy development. In 2011, the Professional Development Committee introduced the Guidelines for Chaplain Continuing Education. Although it is on voluntary basis at this stage, it is the first systematic scheme designed for all registered chaplains in Hong Kong. By the end of 2011, we were pleased to have more than 60% of our registered chaplains submitting their CCE reports. Through the progressing participation of chaplains in different educational programs, the chaplain team demonstrated a growing sense of solidarity and belongings. Below is a summary of major CCE activities organized by the Association in 2011:

Month	Program	Attendance
Jan-Mar	Spring CPE for Chaplains	5
March	Charting, Documentation and Health Care Plan	50
April	Taiwan Learning Tour for Chaplains (Life & Death Education)	30
April	Reflection on Taiwan Tour	45
May	Introduction of Chaplain Continuing Education Guideline 2011	35
June	The 7 th Chaplains' Day	101
August	Introduction of Professional Chaplain Certification Guideline 2012	27
Sept-Nov	Fall CPE for Chaplains	5
September	Dialogue in the Dark	21
November	Effective Use of Clinical Case Conference	23
Fall	Pastoral Volunteer Supervisor Training	16



Charting, Documentation and Health Care Plan



Chaplain Learning Tour in Taiwan



The 7th Chaplains' Day



Dialogue in the Dark

To Establish Registration System for Chaplains

In addition to the 74 chaplains registered in the first round, other qualified chaplains continued to join registration throughout the year. By the end of 2011, there were a total of 83 chaplains registered with



Chaplains received certificates in AGM

the Association, which was about 64% of all eligible members in the local area. Among all registered chaplains, about 84% of our members renewed their membership promptly. While the Association understands that it is a challenging task to promote chaplain registration and certification, we believe this is an essential criterion to demonstrate the qualities of self-



Introduction of Certification Guideline 2012

regulatory and accountability of a professional body. Last year, the Association worked out two additional documents, namely Guidelines for Professional Chaplain Certification 2012 and Professional Chaplain Certification Manual 2012. With these two documents, the Association hopes to provide a concrete learning map for devoted chaplains to pursue for professional and personal growth in their ministry.

To Train CPE Supervisors in Local Area

In Hong Kong, the supply for qualified CPE supervisors is far from adequate. With the sufficient provision of God, the Association began to offer stipend position for supervisory education since Fall 2010. Last year, CPE programs offered by the Association were conducted with adequate supervision and consultation, by our newly certified supervisors. Such arrangement has helped our new supervisors enriching their experience as well as enhancing their competency in CPE supervision. Currently, the Association continues to take the role as convener for the joint Supervisory Education (SE) group. This local SE group meets for presentation and consultation on a regular basis. Although supervisory education is an immense human investment, it is an indispensable task for the continuity and development of local CPE program.



Spring CPE supervised by Grace Leung, Supervisory Candidate



Summer CPE supervised by Viola Mok, newly certified CPE Supervisor



Certification Meeting for CPE Associate Supervisor



Fall CPE supervised by Grace Leung, newly certified CPE Associate Supervisor

To Extend Pastoral Education to the Public

The Association commits to provide pastoral education beyond local chaplain community. We visited major theological seminaries and brainstormed different levels of collaboration in the future. We have a full and fruitful year of education in 2011. These programs included different forms of pastoral care workshops and seminars for pastors, seminarians and congregations both in local area and Guangdong, China. Below is a summary of our public education programs organized by the Association in 2011:



The 4th Hospital Pastoral Care Workshop for Seminarians

Month	Program	Attendance
January	The 4 th Pastoral Care Workshop for Seminarians	246
Apr & Oct	Training for Chaplaincy Team of Alliance Theological Seminary	57
May & Sept	Pastoral Care Workshop Series for Church Laypersons	392
Jun-Aug	Summer CPE for Seminarians	6
August	Pastoral Care Workshop for Pastors in Guangdong, China	60



Training for Chaplaincy Team of ATS



Pastoral Care Workshop Series for Laypersons



Pastoral Care Workshop in Guangdong, China



Visitation to Lutheran Theological Seminary

To Upgrade Chaplaincy Volunteer Training

The Association began to catch up this task by launching the very first train-the-trainers program in Fall 2011, namely Pastoral Volunteer Supervisor Training. It was a certificate program covering 10 weeks with a total of 30 studying hours, and was specially designed for chaplains who were interested in learning how to supervise chaplaincy volunteers. It was encouraging to have 16 chaplains representing 11 chaplaincy committees enrolled in and completed this program. Upon completion of the course, this group of chaplains committed to organize a joint chaplaincy volunteer educational day in the coming year. We look forward to having more and more qualified volunteers to support chaplaincy ministry.



Pastoral Volunteer Supervisor Training



Group discussion in class

Conclusion

Gratefully, we passed a fruitful year with good programs and good attendance. However, these activities will be meaningful only if they have helped us achieving the objectives. We see that God has blessed this developmental journey with a good start, however, the Association understands that we will have an even bigger challenge ahead, that is, to keep the team's momentum in committing themselves for continuous learning and growth.

May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us; establish the work of our hands for us — yes, establish the work of our hands. ~Psalm 90: 17, NIV~

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