



The Association of Hong Kong Hospital Christian Chaplaincy Ministry

Professional Chaplaincy Development and Pastoral Education
Annual Report 2012

Be Thou Our Call and Vision

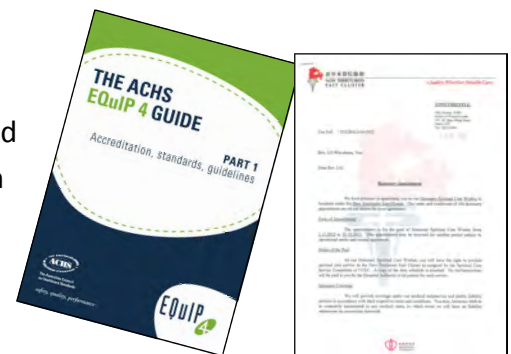
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If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. ~Philippians 2:1-2, NIV~

Like many other joint ministries, only call and vision can call members together to be one community and shape our works in focused directions while respecting diversity of individuals. As an organization with the largest number of affiliated chaplaincy committees in Hong Kong, the Association (AHKHCCM) continues to progress in two major objectives – **to further root professional chaplaincy into health care settings** and **to improve professional competencies of chaplains**. Gratefully, in 2012 the chaplaincy team continued to practice our call and vision, and the ministry has grown steadily in the following six major areas.

To Promote Roles and Functions of Professional Chaplaincy

Over the last few years, local hospitals in both public and private sectors have been undertaking hospital accreditation in which chaplaincy ministry was reviewed as part of hospital services. By the end of 2012, the services provided by 6 affiliated chaplaincy committees were accredited by authorized agencies. Although hospital accreditation has put certain amount of pressure on chaplaincy administration, it



Hospital Accreditation with ACHS

Honorary Appointment

helps chaplains to review, evaluate and communicate the roles and functions of professional chaplaincy. Furthermore, a growing number of chaplains who work in public hospitals have received honorary appointments granted by Hong Kong Hospital Authority (HA). This appointment serves to recognize quality chaplaincy service and to enhance the practice access of frontline chaplains. Currently, there are about 70 chaplains working in HA hospitals granted with this appointment.

Given the fact that in some general hospitals, spiritual care service is now jointly provided by spiritual care workers from other faith traditions, Christian chaplains are encouraged to embrace our unique identity and continue to improve service quality. Meanwhile, we also learn to respect and demonstrate collegial partnership with others.

Beginning in 2012, the Association is honored to be invited by HA to participate in the Task Force of Disaster Psychosocial Service (DPS). This working group is formed to review the coordination, communication and education among DPS teams of each cluster, and hence to improve and standardize the psychosocial service quality during civil disasters. Commonly, a number of designated chaplains in major general hospitals are recruited in DPS teams who will be called to report duty when the service is activated.

To Enhance Chaplain Continuing Education (CCE)

Quality continuing education is one of the keys for professional development, which aims to strengthen both the being and doing of chaplains. Although the CCE reporting scheme is still a voluntary participation, with encouragement and support, local chaplains are getting used to the concept and practice of continuing education. Through various programs, the Association commits to help broadening the horizon and deepening the reflection of chaplaincy ministry. The following summary shows the major CCE activities organized by the Association in 2012:



Preparing Pastoral Sermon

Managing Your Counter-transference

Taiwan Learning Tour on Faith and Medical Ethics

The 8th Chaplains' Day

Month	Program	Counts
Jan-Mar	Spring CPE for Chaplains	5
Jan	Reflection on Roles and Functions of Staff and Volunteer Chaplains	24
March	Preparing Pastoral Sermon	30
April	Managing Your Counter-transference	35
April	Taiwan Learning Tour for Chaplains (Faith and Medical Ethics)	24
May	Reflection on Taiwan Learning Tour	26
June	The 8 th Chaplains' Day: Faith & Spiritual Care	90
June	What a Christian Hospital Chaplain Should Know about Faith and Medicine	61
August	Nurturing Self-understanding and Self-reflection of Chaplain	36
Sept-Nov	Fall CPE for Chaplains	10
Sept	Life on Line @ Soulful Connection by NICHE	44
Nov	Developing Social and Cultural Awareness of Professional Chaplains	24

Continuing education program not only strengthens the professional competencies of chaplains, but also helps to build up the sense of belonging and peer support of the chaplain community. We hope to cultivate a platform for learning our call and vision.



Self-understanding and Reflection

Faith and Medicine

To Establish Registration System for Chaplains

By the end of 2012, among 140 affiliated chaplains, there were 86 of them registered with the Association, including 13 Certified Chaplains, 48 Registered Chaplains I, 19 Registered Chaplains II, and 6 Auxiliary Chaplains, representing 61% of participation. We still have room for further promotion and encouragement.

With reference to the standards of Association of Professional Chaplains, Inc, USA (APC), the Association has approved and issued two important documents, namely *Guidelines for Professional*



Candidates met with Certification Committees

Chaplain Certification 2012 and Professional Certification Manual 2012, which serve as standards to provide certification for professional chaplains in local area. To help potential applicants to be more familiar with the preparation and standards for certification, the Association also organized study groups which were mentored by certification committee members. After more than half year of preparation, 4 eligible chaplains participated in our first class of certification. All of them have successfully met the standards and were granted with the status of Certified Chaplain. One of the participants said it well, "it's not all about a sheet of certificate or a title, but a precious opportunity to go through an integrated reflection of the call, theory and practice of my ministry." We hope that following such very first experience, more and more local chaplains will see the values of this learning process.

To Train CPE Supervisors in Local Area



Grace Leung met with Certification Committee

Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) is recognized as a form of theological education. CPE supervisors, similar to the teaching faculty in seminaries, are one of the essential resources to guarantee the continuity of training. Since it often takes a few years to complete the CPE supervisory education, this process is a great test on the commitment of both the candidates and the training centers. While continuing to provide supervisory consultation for candidates from different training centers last year, the Association fully supported our own candidate by providing her enough practical opportunity and supervisory consultation. At the end of 2012, we celebrated gratefully that Grace Leung, a locally trained colleague, met the certification requirement and became a newly certified CPE Supervisor. Thanks to God!

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Spring, Summer and Fall CPE units supervised by Grace Leung



To Extend Pastoral Education to the Public

Pastoral education to the public is designed to help congregations, seminarians and pastors to cultivate a caring theology and to be equipped with knowledgeable skills for caring people with different kinds of illness. In 2012, the Association continued to offer various education programs within and outside Hong Kong as listed below:

Visitors from Malaysia Bible Seminary



The 5th Pastoral Care Workshop for Seminarians



Pastoral Care Seminars in Shanghai



Fall CPE for Pastors



ATS Chaplaincy Team visited Kwai Chung Hospital



Pastoral Care Seminar in Macau

Month	Program	Counts
Jan	The 5 th Pastoral Care Workshop for Seminarians	260
Feb-April	Spring Half-unit CPE for Congregation Pastors	5
April	Pastoral Care Seminars for Pastors and Congregations in Tung Chung	100
May	Pastoral Care Seminars for Pastors and Congregations in Macau	100
June-Aug	Summer CPE for Seminarians	11
Aug	Pastoral Care Seminar for visitors from Shanghai, China	6
Aug	Joint Education Day Camp for Chaplaincy Volunteers	260
Aug	Pastoral Care Seminar for visitors from Malaysia Bible Seminary	8
Sept	Pastoral Seminar for visitors from Jiangxi, China	13
Sept-Nov	Fall CPE for Congregation Pastors	5
Oct	Pastoral Care Seminars for Pastors and Congregation in Shanghai	45
Oct	Pastoral Care Seminar for visitors from Wenzhou, China	6
Mar & Oct	Training for Chaplaincy Team of Alliance Theological Seminary	37



Joint Educational Day Camp for Chaplaincy Volunteers

To Upgrade Chaplaincy Volunteer Training

A group of 2011 Pastoral Volunteer Supervisor Training graduates put their learning into practice by organizing a joint education day camp for about 260 chaplaincy volunteers. It was a rewarding event for both



Preparatory Meeting

not only through seminars and workshops, but also the sense of fellowship, identity and commitment fostered.

Conclusion

God is faithful and providential! We experience that God continues to favor and establish our work. Identifying and practicing God's call and vision would help us to keep the professional development moving on the right track. By faith, the journey is already but not yet.

"Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." ~Hebrews 11:1, NIV~

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