



From Conformity to Transformation

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"I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God— what is good and acceptable and perfect."

~Romans 12: 1-2 NRSV~

After the great anniversary celebration in 2014, the pace of our ministry has resumed to normal. In the midst of leadership transition, our staff team has committed to achieve a stable succession which was not merely meant conformity. Rather, it was a process of transformation through that we discerned what need to be changed and what should remain unchanged.

From Generation to Generation

Besides local churches, the hospital chaplaincy ministry also relates closely with two other ministry partners, namely hospital administrators and theological seminaries. Leadership transition did not only happen in our Association but also appeared in these two sectors. Former hospital executives, seminary presidents and church leaders who had known and well supported hospital chaplaincy gradually retired from their positions. The new generation of leaders deserved another round of orientation to hospital chaplaincy ministry. Therefore, we visited some new Cluster Chief Executives (CCEs), Hospital Chief Executives (HCEs) and seminary managerial staff. We treasured sincere dialogues with these new leaders and received encouraging feedback from them.



Visitations to theological seminaries



Visitations to CCEs & HCEs

Chaplain Continuing Education (CCE)

In addition to organizing regular chaplain seminars, we also encouraged chaplains to participate relevant continuing education programs offered by ministry partners and institutions. Besides attending and conducting educational events, the chaplain continuing education also included publications, self-instructed reading and professional consultation. The focus of chaplain seminars was clinical integration. One of the biggest communal learning experiences was a 20 hour certificate course on *Spiritual Care and Grief Counseling: a clinical integration*. More than 60 chaplains enrolled in this program. This tailor-made program has effectively helped us as chaplains to reflect on our strengths and weaknesses in clinical practice. Below is a summary of 2015 CCE programs offered and sponsored by our Association:



Case Conference on Crisis Ministry



Case Conference on Mental Health Ministry



Case Conference on Palliative Ministry



Chaplain-in-charge Retreat

Month	Program	Counts
Jan	Spirituality and Mental Health Symposium	48
March	Case Conference on Crisis Ministry	51
May	Case Conference on Mental Health Ministry	41
June	The 11 th Chaplains' Day: Spiritual Formation and Team Building	88
July	Chaplain-in-charge Retreat: "Hand Over"	19
August	Case Conference on Palliative Ministry	43
Sept-Oct	Certificate Course on Spiritual Care and Grief Counseling	62
Nov	Seminar: Exploring Death and Dying Well through Pathology and Bioethics	38



The 11th Chaplains' Day



Certificate Course on Spiritual Care and Grief Counseling

A Ten Year Journey of Professional Development

The *Study Group for Professional Chaplaincy Development* was formed ten years ago in 2006. The very first survey among chaplains was conducted to kick off such an exciting and challenging journey. For last ten years, the Professional Development Committee grew in number of members as well as diversity. This work group faithfully devoted to prepare professional documents and manuals, to link up overseas and local consultant networks, to launch voluntary schemes on registration, continuing education and certification. We did not completely implant the western models but to adopt good and applicable essences to contextualize our frameworks. By the end of 2015, 92 chaplains out of 160 eligible applicants have registered with the Association, including 29 Certified Chaplains, 43 Registered Chaplains I, 13 Registered Chaplains II, and 7 Auxiliary Chaplains, representing 58% of participation. Last year, four chaplains enrolled in a certification tutorial group and two of them completed their application and satisfactorily met the standards for certification. Since the first class of certification in 2012, a total



Professional Development Committee 2015



Certificate Presentation in Annual General Meeting





Certification Tutorial Group

of 16 local chaplains applied for professional certification in the past four years and the passing rate was 100% so far. While recruiting and preparing more certification panel members for future demand, the Committee also begins to review the efficacy of this developmental journey in order to address a significant question to ourselves: where to go the next decade?

To Prioritize CPE Programs

Given the CPE supervisory resource is so limited, we slowed down a bit to offer only 18 student units in Level I and II CPE last year. This gave us room to evaluate the priority and to restructure our plan for CPE program in next stage. We were grateful to have raised fund for six stipend positions for 2014-15 (2nd class) year-long CPE residency. Six residents were placed in five major acute general hospitals and graduated in fall of 2015. In addition to that, Summer CPE for seminarians was again filled with applicants. Looking ahead, the need for local supervisory education is urgent and cannot wait for longer.

Summer CPE for Seminarians



Second Class of Year-long CPE Residency



Religious Representatives from An Hui Province, China



Seminar for Divinity School of Chung Chi College, CUHK

To Offer Pastoral Education to the Public

The Chinese idiom says “it may take ten years to grow a forest but a hundred years to nurture a generation.” The Association continued to offer pastoral education beyond chaplaincy teams including local congregations and schools, seminaries,

pastoral care volunteers, medical professionals as well as religious officials and spiritual care workers from Mainland China. The programs listed below not only aim for transmission of knowledge but hope to nurture caring communities in various settings.



Representatives from Angel Care of Shanghai, China



ATS Chaplaincy Team



Month	Events / Programs
Feb & Nov	Pastoral Education for Chaplaincy Team of Alliance Theological Seminary
Apr, Nov	Seminars for congregation: Pastoral Care for Cancer Patients
April	Seminar for Elementary School Parents: Talking About Death Across Generations
April	Seminar for pastoral care volunteers: Spiritual Assessment
April	Seminar for pastoral care volunteers: Spiritual Care in Hospital Visitation
May	Seminar for Religious Representatives from An Hui Province, China
June-Aug	Summer CPE for Seminarians

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July	Seminar for Angel Care Representatives from Shanghai, China
Sept	Seminar for Nurses: Holistic Nursing — to care with soul
Sept	Macau Holistic Care Symposium: The Practice of Spiritual Care
Sept, Oct	Seminars for congregation: Pastoral Care at the time of Death and Dying
Oct	Seminar for Divinity School of Chung Chi College, CUHK
Nov	Seminar for congregation leaders: Mental Health Ministry
Nov	Seminar for congregation: On Death and Dying

Re-connection in 10th ICPC

Attending the 10th International Congress on Pastoral Care and Counseling had helped us to broaden one’s horizon and to reconnect with colleagues from different parts of the world. The last Congress was co-organized by four regions of ACPE that provided a precious opportunity to meet our overseas consultants and to participate in work group meetings.



Rev Lo met with ACPE President & CEO

Conclusion

In Chinese wisdom, changing is unchangeable. Transformation however is more profound than change that requires internal discernment to formulate a new sense of calling and direction. As today’s world and information change much faster than we can catch up, it is very important for us to transform in practicing the ministry vision instead of conforming to changes for God is the ultimate engineer who put things together for the divine purposes.

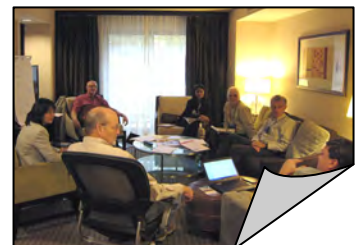


Rev Lo met with Honorary Overseas Consultants

“We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.”

~Romans 8:28 NRSV~

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ACPE International Relations Work Group Meeting

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