

The Alberta Consortium for Clinical Psychospiritual Education (AC-SPE) Program Communique

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Hello once again to all of our stakeholders. If you are familiar with the acronym, CPE, you may be wondering about a slightly different wording in the heading of this communique. There has been a **name change** for the acronym many of us know as **CPE**. CPE, formerly known as Clinical Pastoral Education for many years is now Clinical Psychospiritual Education (still the same acronym, CPE). This name change took place at the last Annual General Meeting of our umbrella organization, The Canadian Association for Spiritual Care, Association canadienne de soins Spirituels (CASC/ACSS).

In the last communique, you read about some adjustments to the learning method that Supervisor-Educators had to make in order to continue offering CPE programs through a pandemic, and you also heard about the AC-SPE Program's achievement and celebration of 5 years accreditation.

The Function and Purpose of the AC-SPE Steering Committee

In this communique, you will read about the people behind the scenes of the Clinical Psychospiritual Education (CPE) Program who work hard to ensure the continuing delivery, governance, organization, and funding of CPE. The people you will read about are the members of the Alberta Consortium for Supervised Psychospiritual Education (AC-SPE) Steering Committee.

The AC-SPE Steering Committee is the entity that provides ongoing structure, vision, and leadership for the CPE **Programs** and serves to govern and administrate CPE program offerings, as well as ensure that everything within the Alberta CPE program is functional, current, sustainable and in alignment with CASC/ACSS Accreditation Standards. The AC-SPE Steering Committee meets about once a month. Under this Steering Committee, CPE has been relaunched into a model that allows for multiple sites, preceptor involvement, and more clinical and educational partners. The new Alberta SPE structure also aligns Spiritual Care with other Allied Health Professions in the delivery of education and training. Perhaps, the greatest resource and strength for the AC-SPE Program is the consistent support and administrative oversight of the AC-SPE Steering Committee.

The AC-SPE Program's Steering Committee Members

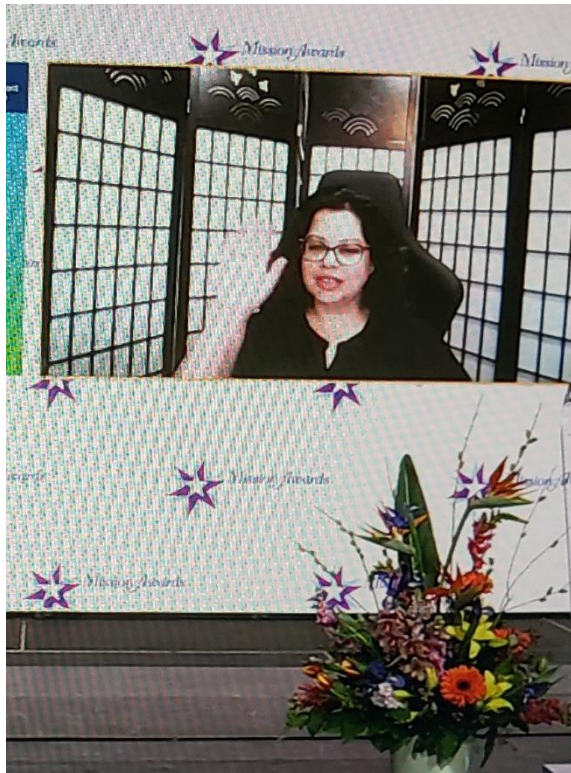
Featuring retired Steering Committee member **Dr. Jo-Ann Badley**, who was honored at the 2022 AGM of the Alberta Association for Spiritual Care. Dr. Jo-Ann Badley came to Ambrose University in 2013 from the Seattle School of Theology and Psychology where she taught for 8 years. Prior to that, Jo-Ann taught at Newman Theological College in Edmonton for 8 years. In both places she taught New Testament and Hermeneutics. Jo-Ann was the Dean of Theology at Ambrose University in Calgary from 2014 to 2022. By virtue of her role as Dean of Theology, Jo-Ann served on the AC-SPE Steering Committee from 2019-2022. Jo-Ann's first involvement in the AC-SPE Program was reframing the curriculum of the Master of Arts in Leadership and Ministry so that Spiritual Care courses could form the focus of the program. Jo-Ann was part of convening the Theological Colleges to develop Spiritual Care Education that would complement CPE. The Graduate Spiritual Care Program of Studies (now offered

collaboratively) was the result of that work. The Steering Committee is appreciative of Jo-Ann's years of wisdom, dedication and insight without which the AC-SPE Program could not thrive.

Dr. Jo-Ann Badley



Acknowledging the recipient of the **Covenant Health Respect Award (2022)** and the Administrative Assistant to the AC-SPE Steering Committee, **Salimah Mohamed**.



Salimah, can you do your write-up and mention that you were the recipient of the respect award? I can embellish it a bit.

Darlene Pranke



Dr. Darlene Pranke, (D. Min., St. Stephen's College) is a Certified Spiritual Care Practitioner (Chaplain) with Covenant Health, Misericordia Hospital, where she has worked for 21 years. In 2019, Darlene became a Certified Supervisor-Educator for Clinical Psychospiritual Education (CPE). Darlene is the current Coordinator of the Alberta Consortium for Supervised Psychospiritual Education Program, St. Stephen's College. Her doctoral dissertation involved phenomenological research with family members who lost a loved one to suicide. Before her work as a Spiritual Care Practitioner, Darlene was an X-Ray Technologist with Insight Medical Imaging, Edmonton.

Bryce Ashlin-Mayo



Our newest member of the Alberta Consortium for Supervised Psychospiritual Education Steering Committee is Rev. Dr. Bryce Ashlin-Mayo (D.Min, George Fox University). Bryce came to the Steering Committee alongside of JoAnn Badley just before JoAnn's retirement in June of 2022. Bryce served for twenty-five years as a pastor, most recently as Lead Pastor of Westlife Church. Bryce is currently Dean of Theology and Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology at Ambrose University in Calgary, Alberta. He has written several books including, *"Digital Mission: A Practical Guide for Ministry Online"* and is an advocate for, and "super-fan," of pastors and chaplains.

Paul Bergen



Paul Bergen is the Manager of Spiritual Care and Cultural Services at the University of Alberta Hospital, where he has worked in Spiritual Care since 2001. Paul has been a member of the Provincial Spiritual Care Practice Council since its inception and has served on the working groups that supported creation of Spiritual Care-specific content in Connect Care. He is a firm believer in the transformative learning that can happen in CPE and has been part of the Steering Committee since it began.

Karen Hansen



Karen Hansen is the Manager of Spiritual Care for the acute sites at Covenant Health. She is a member of the Consortium Steering Committee with the role of treasurer for the AC-SPE Program. Karen has been the AASC Chair since 2019 and continues to Sept 2023.

Kathy Marshall-Spate



Kathy Marshall-Spate is a Certified Spiritual Health Practitioner and Certified Supervisor-Educator who educates Clinical Psychospiritual Education Students towards Certification as Spiritual Health Practitioners. She is also a Senior Practice Consultant, Spiritual Care. Kathy has worked in the field of spiritual care in several Community settings, Long Term Care and Acute Care for the past 20 years. Presently she is in a Provincial role as a Certified Supervisor Educator, and as Senior Practice Consultant, Spiritual Care with Allied Health Professional Practice and Education. At this time Kathy is working on a D.Min., Specialized Ministry, with a focus on competency-based education as the model of experiential learning applied in Clinical Pastoral Education. When not available in the classroom/hospital, you can find her in the mountains hiking, biking or on a lake in her kayak.

Bonnie Tejada



As the Corporate Director for Mission and Spirituality, Bonnie provides over-sight for Spiritual Care services and leads a variety of mission integration and formation programs across Covenant Health. Bonnie received her Certification as a Spiritual Care Practitioner in 2011. She is a strong supporter of the CASC/ACSS formation process and sees it as valuable preparation for her teaching and leadership work. Bonnie was one of the founding members of the AC-SPE Program and supported Covenant Health to build capacity for CPE student learning by training Supervisor-Educators and Preceptors to participate in the provincial program.

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