

Long-Distance and Community-Based Clinical Pastoral Education Summer 2019



The Rev. David G. Berg serves as Supervisor of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE), a training program of the College of Pastoral Supervision and Psychotherapy (CPSP). The 400-hour program employs on-the-job training, case presentations, theological reflection, didactics by seasoned faculty, and individual and group supervision as a way of integrating scripture, doctrine and one's self-understanding with the theory and day to day practice of ministry.

The use of videoconferencing for supervisory sessions frees pastoral practitioners from travel constraints and allows them to remain in their own congregation or clinical setting or to choose another venue for ministry.

A graduate of Moravian College, Bethlehem, PA and the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, David Berg has deepened his clinical experiences with CPE at Cook County Hospital, Chicago; the National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD; and the MD Institute of Pastoral Counseling, Annapolis, MD, where he also served as counselor and consultant for 25 years. Certified as a Diplomate by CPSP since 1994, his broad range of ministry experiences include having served as a:

- Pastor at five Maryland churches, adding more than 900 members to his congregations.
- Denominationally-appointed pastor/ developer who in 20 months spearheaded the birth of a self-supporting mission in Bowie, MD.
- Director of spiritual care for 800 senior citizens in five faith-based "fellowship houses" in VA and MD; facilitated a \$275,000 bequest to that organization.
- Chaplain at Maryland's third busiest hospital, also serving on numerous committees and hosting breakfasts for more than 100 clergy.
- Pastoral consultant in community relations for real estate developers in five VA and MD counties, including, among other programs, the development and funding of the Midnight Basketball League program recognized by President George H. W. Bush as his 124th Point of Light.

- Instructor teaching on-line courses in pastoral care and ministry with seniors with the Institute of Lutheran Theology.
- Supervisor for more than 60 students / interns engaging in 400 hour programs of Clinical Pastoral Education.
- Treasurer and member of the Leadership Team of the COMISS Network (the “United Nations” of pastoral care organizations and endorsing bodies); and member of the Governing Council, CPSP.

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This summer unit of CPE is scheduled **Tuesdays, June 4 – August 13** and **Thursdays, June 13 and 27 and July 11 and 25**. Those 15 group supervisory sessions via Zoom videoconferencing are planned from 9:30 – 12:30 and 1:00 – 4:00. Chaplain interns will also meet for ten one-hour supervisory sessions with the CPE supervisor.

The tuition for one unit of CPE is \$1,625. If one has successfully completed a previous unit, the tuition is \$1,425.

If ministry in a specialized setting such as a hospital, hospice, prison or the military interests you or if you simply wish to deepen your skills for parish ministry, please consider enrolling in a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education. As David Berg says, “It has changed me from a shy and lonely kid from Eastern Pennsylvania to the empathic and skilled professional I am today. It might also help you!”

For further information and registration, please contact:

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NOTE: Half-units of Clinical Pastoral Education also are scheduled for three hours each Wednesday after Labor Day through mid-December and again from mid-January through mid-May each year. For details, please write or call.

This program of Clinical Pastoral Education is pre-accredited by the College of Pastoral Supervision and Psychotherapy. Since 1990, CPSP has trained and certified persons for specialized ministry in a variety of settings. Four units of CPE is the minimum number of units for certification. At present, CPSP consists of approximately 900 members in 120 chapters and accredits more than 70 programs across the United States and beyond. Since 1999, CPSP also has been a member of The COMISS Network, a national organization of chaplaincy, pastoral care and pastoral counseling stakeholders including denominational endorsers. For further information, go to www.cpsp.org.