

Long-Distance and Community-Based Clinical Pastoral Education / Training Set to Begin in Fall 2021



The Rev. David G. Berg serves as Supervisor of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE/T), a training program of the College of Pastoral Supervision and Psychotherapy (CPSP). The 200-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/T 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 Diplomat by CPSP since 1994, his broad range of ministry experiences include having served as a:

- Supervisor for more than 70 trainees / interns engaging in 400-hour programs of Clinical Pastoral Education/Training.
- Chaplain for 20 years at Maryland's third busiest hospital, also serving on numerous committees and hosting breakfasts for more than 100 clergy.
- 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 Accreditation Oversight Committee and Governing Council, CPSP.
- 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.
- 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 both Pastoral Care and Ministry with Seniors at the Institute of Lutheran Theology.

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Fifteen small group supervisory sessions are offered at either one of these dates and times:

**Mondays, 6:00 – 9:00 pm Eastern
August 30 – December 13, 2021**

**Wednesdays, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon Eastern
September 1 – December 8, 2021**

In addition, chaplain interns / trainees will meet for five one-hour supervisory sessions with the CPE/T supervisor. All sessions will meet via Zoom videoconferencing.

The tuition for one-half unit of CPE/T is \$875. If one has successfully completed a full unit previously, the tuition is \$775. It can be paid either by credit card or by check to the Chesapeake Pastoral Counseling Center, LLC.

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/ Training. 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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LOOKING AHEAD: Additional half-units of on-line, community-based Clinical Pastoral Education are scheduled to start Monday evenings and Wednesday mornings in mid-January and will conclude by early May of 2022. A full unit of CPE also is scheduled for eleven Tuesdays and four Thursdays, 9:30 am –4:00 pm starting in early June and concluding in mid-August 2022.

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/T is the minimum number of units for certification. At present, CPSP consists of approximately 900 members in 125 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.