

A Note from the Editors

We are excited to let readers know that the next four installments of Sacred Spaces will address various issues and concerns in pastoral counseling. Two of the articles in this issue address issues of aliveness, vitality, realness, and creativity in pastoral counseling. There are three other articles that address addiction and sexual abuse, which are two aspects of human life that disrupt creativity and vitality. Subsequent issues will focus on Korean-American issues pastoral counseling, the notion of best practices, and African-American issues in pastoral counseling. In this and later issues we will continue to include other articles and interviews of pastoral counseling leaders. We will also begin uploading video files of past interviews of contributors to the field of pastoral counseling (e.g., Howard Clinebell).

Like any fledging journal, we ask members of AAPC and cognate organizations to consider contributing to this journal. Our hope is that this e-journal, with its search engine, will serve as a resource for clinicians, as well as an educational tool for those who are learning about pastoral counseling and its history. We can only succeed with your help and we welcome not only contributions, but also ideas on how we can improve the journal.

On a different note, I (Ryan) have had the good fortune to work alongside James Hyde for the past ten years or so. In particular, we labored closely together in developing the proposal for an e-journal and, with others on the Editorial Board, worked to publish the first issue last year. Anyone who has had the privilege of knowing and working with James immediately recognizes that he has the knack of gathering people to complete a project and he does so with humility and grace. He has served AAPC in many capacities,

though I suspect many people will not know of his many contributions to AAPC or the field of pastoral counseling (e.g., Oates Institute). In short, James is interested in honoring people by helping them realize their hopes and dreams and less interested in gathering honors for himself.

James retired from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary 18 months ago, moving to Black Mountain North Carolina with Canan, his wife. I asked James if he could spare some of his retirement time working on the journal. I know that James agreed to do this because I asked. In that moment, James had forgotten that he taught me years ago to catch people in weak moments when asking a favor. Apparently, there are no more weak moments. James decided to resign from the Editorial Board and his position as co-editor. I say this with sadness and a great deal of gratitude. I will miss James' charm, wisdom, and fellowship, though I am always grateful for having had the great and good fortune to know and work with him. I hope a small honor that we can offer is to place on this and subsequent issues the title of founding editor to James' name.

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