

The Covenant of the College of Pastoral Supervision & Psychotherapy

We, the CPSP members see ourselves as spiritual pilgrims seeking a truly collegial professional community. Our calling and commitments are, therefore, first and last theological. We covenant to address one another and to be addressed by one another in a profound theological sense. We commit to being mutually responsible to one another for our professional work and direction.

Matters that are typically dealt with in other certifying bodies by centralized governance will be dealt with primarily in Chapters. Thus, we organize ourselves in such a way that we each participate in a relatively small group called a Chapter consisting of approximately a dozen colleagues. Teaching or counseling programs directed by CPSP Diplomates are the primary responsibility of the Chapter.

We commit ourselves to a galaxy of shared values that are as deeply held as they are difficult to communicate. "Recovery of soul" is a metaphor that points toward these values. We place a premium on the significance of the relationships among ourselves. We value personal authority and creativity. We believe we should make a space for one another and stand ready to midwife one another in our respective spiritual journeys. Because we believe that life is best lived by grace, we believe it essential to guard against becoming invasive, aggressive, or predatory toward each other. We believe that persons are always more important than institutions, and even the institution of CPSP itself must be carefully monitored lest it take on an idolatrous character.

We intend to travel light, to own no property, to accumulate no wealth, and to create no bureaucracy. We are invested in offering a living experience that reflects human life and faith within a milieu of supportive and challenging community of fellow pilgrim



CPSP College of Pastoral
Supervision & Psychotherapy

*A Theologically Based International Accrediting & Certifying
Covenant Community Dedicated to Recovery of Soul*

21st Plenary Gathering

**Sheraton Oceanfront Hotel
Virginia Beach, Virginia**

**March 27 – March 30
2011 Plenary**



SUNDAY, MARCH 27

8:00 am Registration Open,
Pre-Conference Workshops All Day

All meals for Sunday, March 27, are on your own

7:00 pm Governing Council

MONDAY, MARCH 28

7:00 am Continental Breakfast
7:30 am Registration Opens
8:15 am *A Call Together: the Rev. Ron Evans*
8:30 am *Pastoral Proverbs: "Wise Sayings in Care and Counseling"*
the Rev. Dr. John Patton

10:00 am Small Groups

Noon *Presidential Luncheon:*
the Rev. Dr. Romulo Esteban Montilla, Presiding
Pastoral Concerns
In Memoriam

2:00 pm Small Groups
4:30 pm *Question Time:*
the Rev. Dr. Raymond J. Lawrence, CPSP General Secretary

Dinner on Monday, March 28, is on your own

8:00 pm Author's Reception

TUESDAY, MARCH 29

7:00 am Continental Breakfast
7:00 am Breakfast with Religious Endorsing Representatives
7:30 am Registration Opens
8:15 am *A Call Together: the Rev. Ron Evans*
8:30 am *Holy Complexity: "The Clinical Method of Learning"*
Rev. Dr. John Patton

10:00 am Small Groups

Lunch on Tuesday, March 29, is on your own

2:00 pm Small Groups

5:00 pm Banquet & Party
Presentation of Credentials to newly Certified CPSP Individuals

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

7:00 am Continental Breakfast
8:30 am *Tavistock*
10:00 am Break (30 minutes)
10:30 am Small Groups Reports
11:15 am *The Helen Flanders Dunbar Award:*
Dr. Robert Charles Powell, Officiating
The 2011 Recipient of the Helen Flanders Dunbar Award:
Dr. Orlo Strunk, Jr. The Rev. Dr. James Gebhart will respond
on behalf of Dr. Orlo Strunk, Jr.
Noon *Benediction: the Rev. Ron Evans*

12:15 pm Luncheon
Departure

2011 CPSP Plenary Keynote Speaker

John Patton

Dr. Patton served as Director of the Georgia Association of Pastoral Care & Counseling. He is Professor Emeritus of Pastoral Theology at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia and a retired ACPE Supervisor. He is a pastoral counselor and marriage and family therapist.

He is a prolific writer in the clinical pastoral field. Some of his writings include:

Is Human Forgiveness Possible, Pastoral Care in Context, Pastoral Care: An Essential Guide and From Ministry to Theology: Pastoral Action & Reflection. John is also an associate Editor of *Abingdon's Dictionary of Pastoral Care and Counseling* and a retired United Methodist minister. ☪

