

The Spiritual Caregiver

A Newsletter of the Ecumenical Institute for Pastoral Care



Autumn the season that teaches us that change can be beautiful.

Current Students For Ecumenical Institute – Spring 24

Clinical Pastoral Education through the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education (ACPE) is a graduate level accredited educational program with the US Department of Education. ACPE accredits Centers and the education is offered through the local center and lead by a Certified Educator.

The Ecumenical Institute for CPE is an accredited ACPE Center.

A unit of CPE is 400 hours of work which includes 100 educational hours and 300 clinical hours. CPE units are named for when the end so the current units being offered will end in Spring 2024. These extended units began in September 2023, and will continue to March 2024. There are four Spring 2024 units of Clinical Pastoral Education being offered through the Ecumenical Institute. In these

four units are 26 students. Two units of seven students and two units of six students. This is the maximum number of students per accreditation standards for one Certified Educator.

The students included staff chaplains in hospitals and hospice; pastors and associate pastors of local parishes; seminary student doing community development ministries; a student is the Director of a Community Arts Center; and one student is the CEO of a local hospital. These students include eleven from Iowa; nine from South Dakota; two from Nebraska; and one each from Colorado, Florida, Tennessee, and Massachusetts.

The distance education program makes it possible for

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these students to do their clinical work in their local communities and then join in the professional, pastoral, collegial support group via Zoom for the educational experience.

The vision for the Ecumenical Institute is to serve and train students for effective, conscious, spiritual care in churches, health care, and the many other places where people need spiritual support. Your continued support of Ecumenical Institute is allowing EI to offer pastoral and spiritual education to many who could not otherwise complete this process.

*The leaves of the tree were for
the healing of the nations. -- Rev. 22:2*

A poem from Jane Merchant

The Visible Sign

***I think that trees are loves' own loveliness
Made visible. Their leafy rhythmic motion
Contents my spirit like the soft caress
Of one held dear, and wakes my heart's devotion
And gratitude to God for all the grace
Of being, for all holy peace and health
Of soul, like radiance of a well-loved face
Gently bestowing friendship's quiet wealth.***

***I think that trees are love and hope, the living
Fruition of faith's minutely tiny seed
That from the least becomes the greatest, giving
Gracious fulfillment of our deepest need.
Trees are forever love and faith to me,
Since God our Savior died upon a tree.***

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New Faces to Introduce

Richard Moore is currently serving as pastor of the Evangelical Covenant Church in Sloan, Iowa. A native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, he entered full time ministry in 1991. He has served the Evangelical Covenant Church in Sloan since 1996.

Following graduating from high school, Moore enlisted in the US Air Force and served 4 years toward the end of the Vietnam Era. During his military enlistment, he served stateside at the Flight Test Center at Edwards Air Force Base in California and worked on the support staff of the Space Shuttle. Upon returning home, he received his bachelor's degree at the University of Northern Colorado in elementary education and a master's degree from the University of Nebraska in the field of vocational and adult education. He received his master of divinity degree at Bethel University with an interest in issues of pastoral care and health ethics.

Moore has received numerous awards and recognition including being selected as the Iowa Governor's Volunteer Award recipient in the field of Education, Friend of Education by the Westwood Education Association (Sloan, IA), outstanding achievement award from the Alzheimer's Association for work in area of public policy. He enjoys working with young people and has been the announcer for seven different sports at Westwood Community School in Sloan. He is currently an announcer for NAIA championship Volleyball, Softball and Basketball tournaments. He is serving as a commissioner for the Human Rights Commission in Sioux City.

Moore is married to Mimi, currently serving as a professor in education at Morningside University. She is a retired educator from Sioux City public schools prior to accepting the position at Morningside U.

The Moore's have two sons; Paul is the Relationship Event Manager for the Alzheimer's Association based in Sioux City. He and his wife Melody and son, Felix live in Council Bluffs, IA. Aaron is an RN who is serving in the Emergency Room /Nursing Administration at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Omaha, NE. Aaron is the father of Jack, Joseph, Grace, and Noah, quadruplets born in January of 2009.

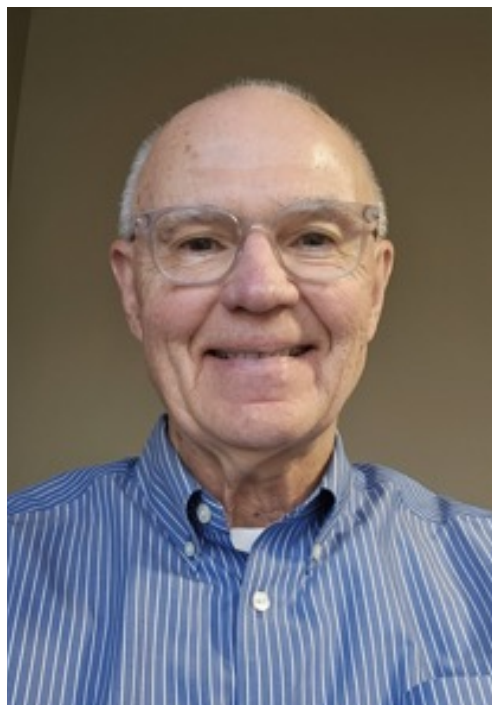
The Moore's live in Sloan with their chocolate Labrador Retriever, Nala May. She has been trained as a service dog.



Richard Moore

Jerry Van Es grew up in Newkirk, Iowa and attended Floyd Valley High School in Alton, Iowa. He graduated from Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa before attending medical school at the University of Iowa. He completed a residency in family medicine in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He practiced medicine in LeMars, Iowa and Sioux Center, Iowa as well as teaching in a residency program in Wichita, Kansas for a short time. He is married to Kim Van Es.

Jerry is currently retired and stays busy with various volunteer opportunities. He also enjoys golf, exercise and traveling. He and his wife, Kim, have 4 children between them as well as 11 grandchildren, with another one expected next spring. He is looking forward to serving on the board of the Ecumenical Institute and promoting its mission.



Jerry Van Es

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