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CHAS—The Way Forward

As you know, the Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan lost its provincial grant in October 2016, a loss which represented a full third of our annual revenue. Since that time, we have undertaken a facilitated change management process with our key stakeholders, and at the end of June, the Board approved motions to reflect our new fiscal reality and to also articulate strategic directions in line with the stakeholders' feedback.

Regarding our financial viability, a revised, balanced budget was formulated and approved, and from that, two key decisions were made in order to achieve this fiscal balance. First, with deep regret, it was decided to release a salaried employee, that being our Mission Education Coordinator (effective end of November 2017). Secondly, office rental and other associated office costs will be eliminated by co-locating with Emmanuel Care. Although these decisions were primarily motivated by fiscal restraint, we do see the potential benefit to having CHAS, as an autonomous organization, housed under the same roof with Emmanuel Care. We would also like to acknowledge our gratitude to Emmanuel Care for this gracious offer.

Regarding how we will envision our work and contribution to the over-arching ministry of Catholic health

care, and during the course of our re-positioning process, these three key strategic priorities emerged and were affirmed:

- Education and Resources
- Connection to Community
- Advocacy and Communications

Certainly this is a quick summary of the decisions and strategic directions. More robust reporting will be offered at the Annual General Meeting held at 12:30 pm at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Regina on October 21, 2017. Of course we will be happy to answer any questions you may have between now and then.

Again, thank-you for your commitment to the Association, we appreciate all of the support and encouragement from you, our members and stakeholders. As we close in on our 74th year as your Association, we trust that this external financial crisis can be captured as a meaningful opportunity to better align with the needs of you, our members.

We look forward to seeing you all in the fall at the Joint Conference at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Regina from October 20 - 22, 2017. Register soon!

Sandra Kary, Executive Director



Please note our new address and phone number effective September 1, 2017:

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Congratulations to Deutscher on Bioethicist Position

CHAS is very happy to welcome Mary Deutscher, PhD, as the successful candidate to be appointed to the position of Bioethicist at St. Paul's Hospital (SPH) in Saskatoon. With a start date of May 23, 2017, Mary fills the position left vacant for more than a year after the departure of Joy Mendel in April 2016.

As ethicist, Deutscher will work with and for the faith-based institutional members of the Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan (CHAS) in urban and rural Saskatchewan; and in a collaborative partnership with the Saskatoon Regional Healthy Authority, said Jean Morrison, President and CEO of St. Paul's Hospital.

The ethicist works in the context of a Mission Integration team of SPH – which includes leading Catholic health care facilities – in the ongoing development, implementation, evaluation and integration of ethics support services as well as some potential ethics research.



Deutscher received her doctoral degree in Public Policy; her Bachelor of Arts Honours, with High Honours, in Philosophy; and Bachelor of Science, with great distinction, in Biology from the University of Saskatchewan; and she holds a Master of Arts in Public Ethics from the University of Ottawa.

She recently worked as a Clinical Ethics Fellow for the Centre for Clinical Ethics in Toronto; and presented workshops in various locations among several provinces on "Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide in Canada". Her presentations have also included "Ethics of Human Reproduction" and "Ethical Decision Making in Health Care."

Deutscher brings experiences in clinical and organizational ethics, which she has obtained through her graduate programs, serving as hospital chaplain, her volunteer activities and role on the St. Paul's Hospital Ethics Committee; and the work she completed with the Palliative Care Team at St. Paul's Hospital.

Spiritual Care Funding: cuts made final

In spite of lobbying attempts made by regional and national voices of CASC (Canadian Association of Spiritual Care), along with members of an ad hoc committee comprised of leaders of denominational faith groups, chaplains and other stakeholders (including CHAS), the provincial government was firm in its position that spiritual care funding throughout the province would be cut.

For faith-based health facilities, whose mandate and mission requires that spiritual care be made available, the government acknowledged that

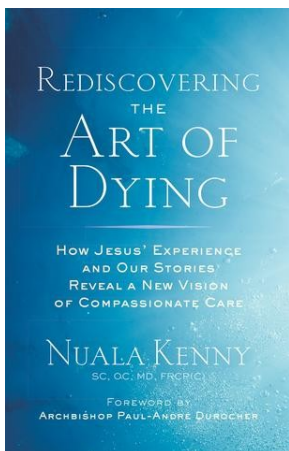
their affiliate status allows them to continue the offering of these services, and thusly, spiritual care providers within faith-based facilities will retain their positions. However, this fall, 8 to 10 full-time spiritual care employees posted within various health regions will lose their jobs.

Lobbying efforts amongst denominational leaders and those in faith-based institutions will continue, with the hopes that this core service be reinstated. Your intentions and prayers to this end are greatly appreciated.

Take note

- Congratulations to Deb Hapke, now the new Executive Director at Foyer St. Joseph Nursing Home in Ponteix; thanks to Roxanne Stringer for her years of service in this role, and her continued service at St. Joseph's in the combined role of Director of Client Services and Nurse Unit Coordinator.
- Best wishes to John Kelly who is moving on from his position of Executive Director at Santa Maria Senior Citizen's Home in Regina; welcome to Paul Vieira who takes on this role as of August 14, 2017.

A new resource by Sr. Nuala Kenny



Rediscovering The Art of Dying

How Jesus' Experience and Our Stories Reveal a New Vision of Compassionate Care

Drawing on the Passion of Christ, Sr. Nuala Kenny reflects on the inevitable questions we all face regarding health, illness, suffering, and dying. Sr. Nuala Kenny provides a profound spiritual and biblical reflection by linking Jesus's own experience of suffering and death with real-life stories about patients. This book is for anyone undergoing, or reflecting on illness, suffering, and dying. It is also for families and friends who accompany the sick, dependent and dying, and for caregivers who accompany them. It is sure to guide attitudes, practical decisions, and actions that are central concerns in serious illness and dying, while clearing up misunderstandings that often accompany periods of stress.

Available September 1st, 2017 Call 1-800-387-7164 or email resources@novalis.ca to order

A new book from our very own Marissa Alarcon!

Why is it so difficult to be grateful for the things we have? Human nature seems designed to keep us focused on what we do not have. We compete and think only of getting more. However, we can be happy. We can achieve a gratitude-driven life by learning to celebrate God's grace and mercy, by seeing Him in everything we have. This book shows how our daily life is an encounter with God!

Inspired by a "critical conversation" missions event organized annually by CHAS for its member facilities in 2016, Alarcon was challenged by the topic, "If you dare to ask it deeply, what makes you grateful?" From her daily journal and personal walk of gratitude came **The Gratitude-Driven Life**—a great read for any time or season. It is a wonderful resource to inspire your own daily devotional time, reflection, journaling, or prayer.



The Gratitude-Driven Life is available at Universal Church Supplies in Saskatoon or through Amazon.

Compassionate Healers Masses

Please join us at the Compassionate Healers Masses, held in each of the three dioceses in Saskatchewan. This fall marks the hosting of the 12th year in Saskatoon and 11th in PA and Regina. We welcome all medical personnel, health care workers, Ministry of Care volunteers in parishes and facilities, Men and Women Religious in health care ministry, parish nurses, volunteers and anyone who considers themselves a caregiver.

THURSDAY, SEPT 14, 2017

7 pm Christ the King Parish

3239 Garnet Street, Regina

**Presider & Homilist ~
Archbishop Bolen**

SUNDAY, SEPT 17, 2017

11 am St. Mark's Parish

581 9th Street E, Prince Albert

**Presider & Homilist ~
Fr. Jim Kaptein**

WEDNESDAY, OCT 4, 2017

7 pm Holy Spirit Parish

114 Kingsmere Place, Saskatoon

**Presider & Homilist ~
Fr. Kevin McGee**

2017 Convention—Time to Register!

Ministering to God's Beloved:

serving and learning from those who are vulnerable

October 20 - 22, 2017

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Regina

When we serve those who are in need, it reminds us that we, too, have vulnerabilities. Caregiving and educating is an extension of not only our gifts and skills, but of our values and humanity. Join us as we explore themes of serving and ministering to one another, while gaining a better understanding of the vulnerabilities we face, both personally and as a faith community.

Keynote Speakers and sessions:

Anne Butler, RN, MSN

Session #1: The Beauty of the Dancer: Embracing Our Own Vulnerability

Session #2: The Beauty of the Song: Embracing the Vulnerability of Others

Dr. Josephine Lombardi

Session #3: Becoming Experts in Humanity: Understanding the Factors that Influence Human Behaviour and Limit Authentic Freedom

Session #4: Mercy and Beyond: Understanding the Obstacles that Keep us from Being Merciful Witnesses

Plenary Presentations:

Health Focus with

Dr. Hazel Markwell:

Autonomy & Choice: How Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia Changes Everything

Education Focus with

Fr. Mark Miller:

The Gospel Mandate to Love those on the Margins: Healthcare and Healing for Those Who Are Different

Early bird registration

(before Sept 30th) is \$265, following this is \$280.

For more information, or questions regarding registration please contact us at:

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Annual Meeting Notice and Call for Resolutions

The 74th Annual Meeting of the Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan will be held at 12:30 pm on Saturday, October 21, 2017 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Regina. Resolutions may be submitted to the Executive Director by a member prior to the Assembly and may also be proposed at the Assembly in accordance with the process established by the Board of Directors. (Bylaw 6.12)

Process for Resolutions:

- Resolutions to be considered for presentation at the Annual Meeting shall be submitted in writing to the Executive Director 21 days prior to the Meeting.
- The Executive Director shall make the Resolutions available to the Executive Committee at least two weeks in advance of the Annual Meeting.
- Resolutions must be accompanied by appropriate supporting documentation.

Resolutions will be received at the CHAS Office up to September 29, 2017.

Resolutions Proposed at the Annual Meeting:

1. Resolutions intended to be proposed at the Annual Meeting, shall be submitted in writing with supporting documentation to the President at least 24 hours in advance of the scheduled time for the meeting.
2. Resolutions not submitted in accordance with No. 1 will be considered at the Annual Meeting only with the authorization of the President.