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Second Joint Conference - Catholic Health & Education

This year, to celebrate Catholic Health and Education in Saskatchewan, the Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan is uniting again with the Saskatchewan Catholic School Boards Association for the second Joint Conference.

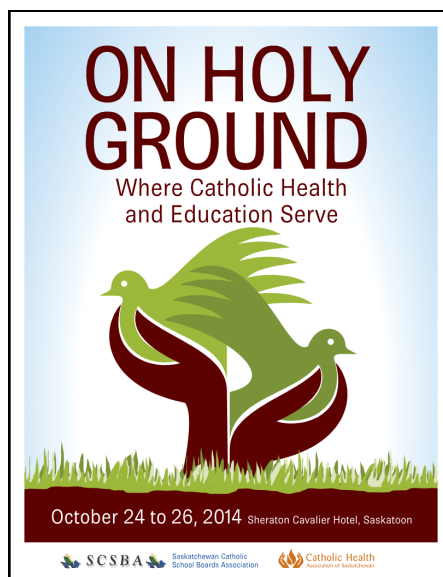
This year's conference theme is 'ON HOLY GROUND - Where Catholic Health and Education Serve.' It will be held at the Sheraton Cavalier Hotel in Saskatoon from October 24-26, 2014.

Featured this year will be our keynote speakers Fr. Tony Ricard and Dr. Matthew Sleeth. Fr. Tony is a priest for the Archdiocese of New Orleans and is Campus Minister and Theology teacher at St. Augustine High School in New Orleans. He has given many keynote addresses, retreats, revivals and youth talks across the USA. Fr. Tony will be sharing on "If Loving You is Wrong, I Don't Want to be Right! Exploring God's Unconditional Love" and "Have You Seen Him? Searching for the Child Jesus."

Dr. Sleeth is a former chief of staff and emergency room director. He left his practice to teach, preach, and write about holistic approaches to biblical stewardship. He is the author of *24/6: A Prescription for a Healthier, Happier Life* and is a sought after speaker. Dr. Sleeth is the executive director of Blessed Earth and founder of the Seminary Stewardship Alliance. He will speak on *A Prescription for a Healthier, Happy Life*. In this session, he will describe our symptoms, clarify the signs, diagnose the illness and lay out a simple plan for living a healthier, more God-centered life in a digitally-dazed, always-on world.

In addition to these two keynote speakers, we are offering plenary presentations featuring various topics relating to

Catholic health and education. For the Health Focus session, Sandy Normand, Mission Education Coordinator for CHAS, will speak about *Tradition on the move. Legacy in motion and CHAS's desire to build on the strong foundation that the Sisters left us. The CHAS Mission Formation Experience aims to do this by offering a 5-day retreat that engages a diverse cohort of facility staff to explore themes of vocational calling, diversity, holistic health care, Catholic health values-charism-mission, and Catholic social teaching. This session will bring forward voices and stories of participants and facilitators to witness to the formation and transformation that happened during the piloting of the Mission Formation Experience.*



The Education Focus session will speak about "What is Catholic Education all about and why it is important? These important questions have prompted the Saskatchewan Catholic School Boards Association to embark on a major initiative which actively promotes the unique nature and societal value of Catholic Education in Saskatchewan. With this in mind, this session will feature a panel made up of voices from students, teachers, trustees, and administrators. Panel members will share personal experience as well as "good news stories" to highlight the distinctiveness of Catholic Education and how it is impacted their lives.

Everyone is invited to mark their calendars for October 24-26, 2014 and be open to the possibilities and challenges that Christ's teaching and healing ministry will unfold in us. We look forward to another wonderful time of networking with others who share in ministry in our community.

For further information, please contact CHAS at 306-655-5330 or cath.health@sasktel.net.



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a faith community sharing the healing ministry of Jesus

It's all about the Experience... Mission Formation

"Tell me again, why do I do what I do?" In the everyday of where you work and with the work that you do there, do you ever find yourself asking such a question? More importantly, how do you respond? Have you gifted yourself with the opportunity to think about your work by discerning if the work you do is a good fit with your talents and skills? How about your values? Do you



CHAS is so very pleased to announce – The Mission Formation Experience... a truly pioneering endeavor in

Canada because the focus is experiential and personal! The five-day Mission Formation Experience aims to bring reflection and celebration of the meaning of life and the dignity of our work in Catholic Health Care. A unique feature of Mission Formation is that happens over time – one day over a period of four or five months. A series of structured activities and experiences offer the opportunity to realize the sacredness of everyday encounters, and explore making mission real for all of us, as we ourselves are transformed and healed.

As a community, we want to grow in understanding the work in which we take part - *the healing ministry of Jesus*.

What is mission?

Mission, within the context of Catholicism, describes 'how' we serve, but also 'why'. As an example of Christ, we compassionately serve us - with creative vision, and a variety of ways - to bring hope and healing.

Mission Formation speaks to the on-going process of growth in our understanding and the sacred work of caring for others. It is a transformative process, rooted in the Gospel, which connects us more deeply with Christ. Through self-reflection, it opens up new ways to derive meaning from the work we do. To see our gifts, see our work as vocation and commitment to the ministry of health care. S.T.D. Health Progress, Sept/Oct 2014



Learning circles—where groups enjoy teaching, sharing and observing ritual.



feel comfortable and supported by your values and the values stated by the organization? And, what about learning? In the world of adult education, one would ask, what does it take for an organization to create a space for being a "learning organization?"

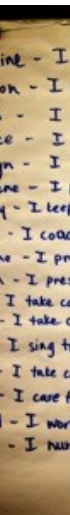
Peter Senge, author of *The Fifth Discipline*, stated a "learning organization is a group of people working together collectively to enhance their capacities to create results they really care about." Three broad factors are essential for organizational learning – a supportive environment, concrete learning processes and practices, and experiences that reinforce learning – these are the building blocks of the learning organization.

CHAS has been working very hard to provide formation and learning resources to our member health care organizations

that seek to enhance personal growth, quality care, workplace culture and understanding the responsibility of the greater call of the healing ministry of Jesus.

And so, CHAS ventured out to pilot Mission Formation with two facilities: St. Joseph's Health Centre in Macklin with nine participants and Mont St. Joseph Home in Prince Albert with fourteen participants. This 'retreat-like' experience was held off-site but still in their respective communities where CHAS hosted each of the five days from February to June, 2014. Each day was led by a team of two or three facilitators. Sandy Normand, Mission Education Coordinator comments, "The charism of Mission Formation is that it provides a holistic, personal encounter for the individual to immerse themselves on a journey about who they are as individuals and to explore the whole notion of what is Catholic Health Care. The other gift of Mission Formation is that our compliment of fourteen facilitators comes from very different walks of life and so they bring a lens from which participants can become more aware of or affirmed in the work they do as part of a calling. So, Mission Formation is really for the community by the community."

Interactive learning and journaling is utilized to reflect on principles and ideas learned.



Matthew 25:35

"for I was hungry and you **gave food**, I was thirsty and you **gave drink**, I was a stranger and you **welcomed** me, I was naked and you **clothed** me, I was sick and you **visited** me, I was in prison and you came to me... as you did it to one of the least of these, **you did it to me.**"

Mission Formation, continued

Mission Formation is a personal and experiential journey within a supportive learning and community framework.

on formation?

Catholic health care, not only considers 'why' we serve. With the mission to care for those around us, a variety of complementary values are added to our communities.

Working to reflect, protect, and commit to the calling of our members. Formation is a journey in theology and spirituality that leads us to God, creation and others. It is about God's action so that we can live, grow in awareness of our world and build a communal commitment." (Fr. Charles Bouchard, OP, 2009)

The information conveyed about general principles of spirituality, social justice, ethics and relational leadership can enrich the personal life of any participant, whether from the Christian tradition, another faith tradition, or no faith tradition at all. The program is not intended to proselytize. The information conveyed about specifically Christian and Catholic anthropology, history, values, world view and health care ministry is essential for anyone who wishes to carry out their work responsibilities within the context of the healing ministry of Jesus in a Catholic system or institution of health care.

Response to the five-day experience has been very positive. Admittedly,

some folks expressed feeling unsure about what to expect, wondering if the overtones of the five days would be very "religious and churchy." Others expressed concern for the fact that they are not 'religious people' or practice any particular faith thus wondering if they would feel welcome or even included for the five days. However, participants shared from both facilities that "within the first hour any concern that I may have had simply disappeared." Participants shared "feeling safe, comfortable and well cared for" especially after exploring that all persons are spiritual and some persons express or practice their spirituality within the context of a particular religion.

Folks also expressed deep gratitude for being able to spend time exploring the foundational and biblical context of the "healing ministry of Jesus." But where these five days seemed to bring a genuine sparkle and a 'mile-wide' smile was in hearing about the legacy of the founding congregations of sisters who came to Saskatchewan and established health care well before the province ever had a formal

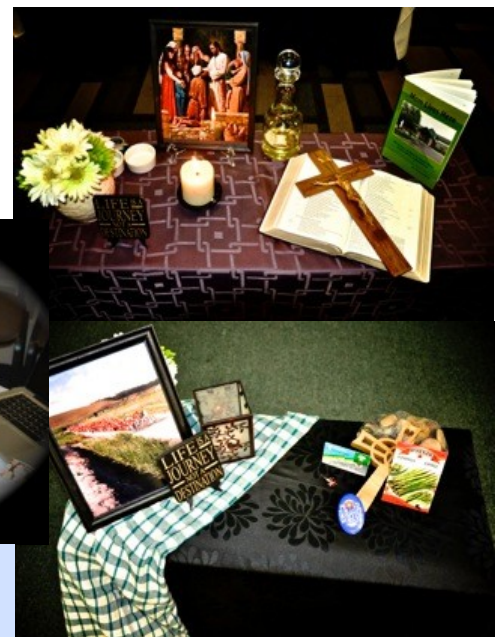
'system.' Participants, especially those who may have never worked with or even seen a Sister came away with a renewed understanding, appreciation and a sense of responsibility when they realized that each one of them "are standing on the shoulders of the Sisters who came before you." Participants were genuinely impacted by their own personal journey stating how being able to feel affirmed and empowered led them to consider the importance of building and maintaining relationships with their fellow staff and with all those whom they serve. Many commented how grateful they felt toward their employer for having this kind of an opportunity to spend time "with self."

CHAS is now embarking upon an evaluation process of the content, logistics, and experiences documented by the participants and the facilitators resulting from these two pilot offerings. Plans are underway to have another offering of Mission Formation this fall and again beginning January 2015.

To hear more about Mission Formation, members are strongly encouraged to come out the fall convention,



Each day offered a Center of Beauty that reflected the themes that were presented.



"On Holy Ground" October 24 – 26th at the Sheraton Cavalier in Saskatoon where Sandy Normand will be a plenary speaker and will share in more detail about this pioneering endeavor.

-by Sandy Normand
Mission Education Coordinator, CHAS



2014 CHAC Awards

2014 Lifetime Achievement Award

The CHAC Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes individuals who have inspired and mentored numerous others in Catholic health care and whose accomplishments, over the course of a career, have strengthened the ministry. Her or his leadership extends beyond a single Catholic health organization to influence and impact the local community and beyond. Congratulations to Sr. Sheila Langton, SP.



Sr. Sheila Langton (right) receives award from Daniel Lussier, Chair of CHAC

2014 Midcareer Leadership Award

This award is given to young leaders, 50 years of age and younger, who have already made significant contributions to the ministry and who, through their leadership, provide prophetic witness to the mission of Catholic health care. Strong leadership is needed now and for the future of the Catholic health ministry. This Award is intended to encourage and support young leaders in their commitment to Catholic health care, thereby contributing to a promising future for the ministry and the people it serves.

Congratulations to Sandra Carlton who serves as the Vice President of Mission, Values & People at Providence Care, Ontario.



Sandra Carlton (right) receives award from Dianne Doyle, Vice-chair

Welcome to Catholic Health

Welcome to Becky Vink, who joined the team at the Catholic Health Ministry of Saskatchewan at the beginning of May as their new Mission Coordinator.

In her role, Becky will provide support in the planning and implementation of CHMS Mission related events, activities, and projects in collaboration with the Spiritual Care/Mission leaders of facilities under their ownership.

Becky brings a wealth of experience in organizational development with extensive spiritual care/counseling experience in a variety of clinical settings. She has a Master's degree in theology plus further graduate education in adult learning.

We value our collaborative relationship with CHMS, and bless Becky as she adds her gifts and talents to the landscape of Catholic healthcare in Saskatchewan.

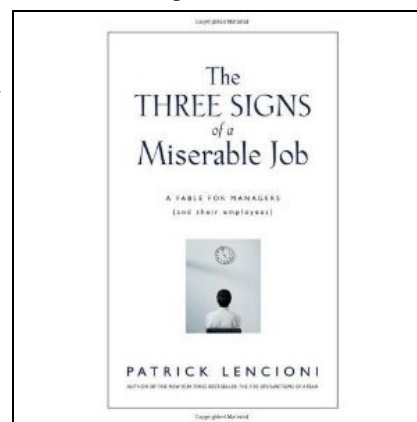
A Great Summer Read

It's summer time again, and we're all looking for a great book to read! CHAS gifts our facility leads with a new book twice a year (winter and summer), and if we could... we would give our entire membership this gift!

The selection we've chosen for this summer is: ***"The Three Signs of a Miserable Job: A Fable for Managers (And Their Employees)"* by Patrick Lencioni.**

In this book Patrick Lencioni reveals the three elements that make work miserable—irrelevance, immeasurability, and anonymity—and gives managers and their employees the keys to make any job more fulfilling.

We highly recommend this book, and think it is a wonderful summer read. This book is filled with actionable advice you can put into effect immediately and includes a detailed model examining the three signs of job misery and how they can be remedied.



Upcoming Compassionate Healers Masses

Mark your fall calendars! This annual Mass is offered for the benefit and intentions of medical personnel, health care workers, spiritual care providers/chaplains, parish nurses, men and women religious in health care ministry, ministry of care volunteers in parishes and health care facilities.

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2014

7:00 p.m. St. Philip Neri Parish
1902 Munroe Ave S, Saskatoon, SK
Presider and Homilist: Bishop Donald Bolen

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 1ST, 2014

7:00 p.m. Holy Family Parish
1021 McCarthy Blvd. N, Regina, SK
Presider and Homilist: Archbishop Daniel Bohan

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19TH, 2014

11:00 a.m. Sacred Heart Cathedral
1401 - 4th Ave. West, Prince Albert, SK
Presider and Homilist: Bishop Albert Thévenot