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Since this is the final issue of the Newsletter I will be sending to you, I want to take this opportunity to express some thoughts about the development of the Association. All of us anticipated that we would have a full-time Director in January of this year. When this did not materialize, it was the hope of the Executive Committee that a person would be selected for the position early in the year, certainly prior to the summer. We discovered that, in order to get the man we wanted, we would have to wait until September before he would be able to assume full-time responsibility.

As a result, I have been functioning in the capacity of interim Executive Director during this period, on a part-time basis. I had some real concern since the first year would be a crucial period for our new organization. At this point I realize there was no need for me to feel the anxiety I did. There were many others who shared this same concern and invested themselves to assure the successful beginning of the A.C.P.E.

The Executive Committee has spent considerable time in dealing with significant issues that needed to be decided upon in order for us to move ahead. The Committee on Certification and Accreditation worked conscientiously and creatively in organizing the committee as well as in outlining plans and procedures for meeting candidates this fall. The Finance Committee has met to struggle with the philosophy of its function as well as the purposes for which funds must be raised. All of this has contributed to the positive way in which the Association has developed during these early months of its existence.

In addition to the above, the way in which the Regions have carried out their responsibilities under the guidance of the Regional Directors has been a key factor in our development. Without the kind of leadership and direction given by the Regional Directors, we would not be in the secure position in which we find ourselves after these first eight months. Through the development of Regional Newsletters, committees working and many meetings, the work of the Association has been carried out by a large number of our members.

I would be remiss not to mention the contribution made by the office personnel both in New York as well as in Worcester. Due to their very efficient and untiring efforts, the business of the Association was carried out in a way that would not have been possible with a part-time Director.

We look forward now to a new phase in our growth as Charles E. Hall assumes the position as the first Executive Director of the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education on September 1, 1968. He comes to this with a long history of training students in clinical pastoral education. In addition to this, he has, from the very beginning, been creatively involved in the evolution of the structure and philosophy of the

Association. He brings to this position not only his capabilities and knowledge from previous involvement, but a deep commitment to the purposes for which the A.C.P.E. came into being. We are fortunate to have a person with his abilities and with the commitment to those things in which we believe.


John I. Smith
Interim Executive Director

TRAINING CENTER & SEMINARY BROCHURE 1968

We are in the process of setting up copy for the 1968 brochure to be ready for the printer in October. Many of you have returned the form with the information regarding your center; however, there are still many who have not submitted this form. We will not be able to list accurate information about your center unless you send us the information. If you have not already done so, be sure to send in your ACPE Form #6 by return mail.

FOUNDING MEMBERSHIP

At the present time there are approximately 1000 individuals who are Founding Members of the Association. A second campaign for membership will begin with about 2000 more letters being sent out on September 15th, offering the opportunity for a Founding Membership. There is still time for you to add to this mailing list. If you have not sent in the names and addresses of persons you believe would be interested in membership, please send them now so that they will be included in this new mailing.

FALL CONFERENCE

Within the next two or three weeks you will be receiving a printed program for the Fall Conference to be held at the LaSalle Hotel in Chicago on October 18 - 21, 1968. Information regarding registration and hotel reservations will also be included. We hope you are looking forward to this first Annual Conference of the Association.

ANNUAL SUPERVISOR FEE

There are still approximately twenty-five supervisors who have not yet sent in the annual \$25.00 fee. A second billing has been sent out to those who have not responded to the first. We hope it will not be necessary to follow up on this again.