

## MISSION STATEMENT

\* **Clinical Pastoral Education affirms the corporate mission to improve the quality of life of the patient, families, and staff. In support of this effort, CPE is committed to focus on the educational and spiritual needs of all associates, clergy, and seminarians through a continuous collaborative partnership with organizational and pastoral care experts.**

\* **Our primary objective is to provide excellence in program development and consultative services consistent with the Core Values and the nurturing of fellow human beings. CPE will foster the growth of chaplaincy through mentoring, consultation, supervision, and comprehensive educational guidance.**

\* **CPE will continue to influence community relations demonstrating the love of God through volunteer activities, educational partnerships and to seek ways to provide educational opportunities for those pursuing certification in pastoral care specialties.**

## History of VA Chaplains

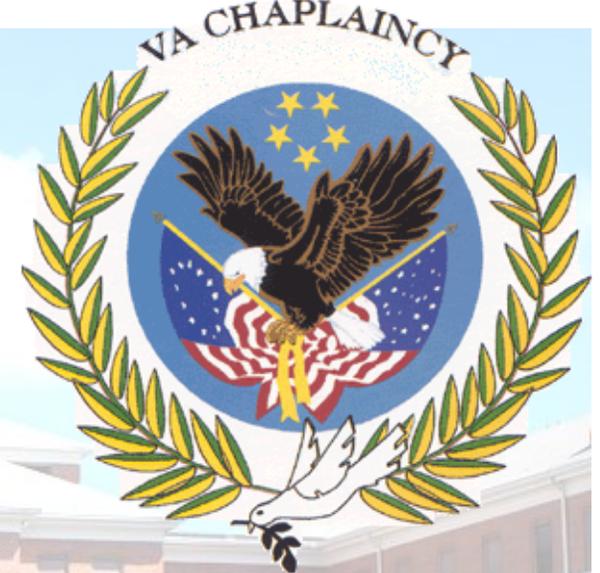
**In 1989 the White House established the Department of Veterans Affairs as a new cabinet department. Today the VA is the largest of all independent Federal agencies. The Secretary of the Veterans Affairs is nominated by the President, subject to Congressional confirmation and reports directly to the President. Only the Department of Defense and the Postal Service have more employees than the VA. The United States has the most comprehensive system of assistance and care for the Veterans of any nation in the world.**

## History of Tuskegee VA

**Tuskegee VA Hospital's history began following World War I, when the Treasury Department Hospitalization Committee found that it was almost impossible to secure proper treatment for Negro soldiers in mixed hospitals for war Veterans in the South. Congress authorized the U.S. Treasury to build a hospital solely for the care of more than 300,000 black veterans in the South.**

## CAVHCS CPE Program

 Department of  
Veterans Affairs



*“But they that wait upon the Lord  
Shall renew their strength;  
They shall mount up with wings as eagles;  
They shall run and not be weary;  
And they shall walk, and not faint.”*

**ALL FAITH CHAPEL  
Both Locations  
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**Paul Bockleman, FACHE  
Interim Director**

## **CPE CENTER OBJECTIVES**

**To provide comprehensive, personalized spiritual care to the whole person.**

**To provide opportunities for the community to gather in worship.**

**To offer all the rites and rituals of passage that give life, purpose, meaning and dignity.**

**To offer quality continuing adult theological education and spiritual growth.**

**To hold up our understanding of the student's calling, empowerment, and mission through providing pastoral care and counseling to others.**

**To hold each other accountable through learning covenants, documentation of patient records, and by taking leadership roles within the healing multidisciplinary team.**

## **Upcoming CPE Schedules**

### **1 year Residencies**

**October 2016– September 2017**

**\*\*\*Stipends (\$27, 398 plus benefits)**



### **Extended Units**

**October 2016– December 2016**

**January 2017– May 2017**



### **Summer Internships**

**June 2017– August 2017**



**Applications are available at  
[https://www.acpe.edu/pdf/acroread/  
CPE\\_Application.pdf](https://www.acpe.edu/pdf/acroread/CPE_Application.pdf) and should be  
submitted to :**

**Chaplain Walter Thomas  
Walter.Thomas2@va.gov**



**Interviews for residencies will begin  
May 11th through June 2**

## **History of CPE**

**Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) began in 1925 as a form of theological education that takes place not exclusively in academic classrooms, but also in clinical settings where ministry is being practiced. ACPE certified CPE is offered in many kinds of settings: in hospitals and health care including university, children's, and veterans' facilities; in hospices; in psychiatric and community care facilities; in workplace settings; in geriatric and rehabilitation centers; and in congregational and parish-based settings. The textbooks for CPE include in-depth study of "the living human documents." By "living human documents," we mean both the people who receive care as well as a study of ourselves, the givers of care. Through the practice of ministry and the reflection thereon with supervisor and peers, the experiential learning that is CPE takes place.**



*"Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance.."  
(Proverbs 1:5)*