



The Association for Clinical Pastoral Education and the College of Pastoral Supervision & Psychotherapy desire to create a more collaborative future for each of our respective organizations as we seek to serve the public by offering quality pastoral education. We acknowledge that this type of collaboration has not always been the case in the past. As we look forward, we commit to building and strengthening collegial relationships between the ACPE and CPSP associations. In this process, we will be respectful and cooperative as we plan our separate and collaborative work for the future.

We acknowledge that the ACPE and CPSP are competitors as well as colleagues. We share a common history and purpose. Our associations are distinct in some of our philosophical perspectives and training methodology. In spite of the differences, we value the things we share in common and will not disparage the other organization or its members, nor judge the respective value of the Clinical Pastoral Education offered by the other.

We affirm our aspiration to seek a fresh start, in which we firmly commit ourselves to the achievement of reconciliation, tolerance and mutual trust with accountability.

Both associations agree that when we are informed we will be responsible to engage and hold accountable members of our respective communities, if such members misrepresent or disparage persons or programs of the other association. Any information that is disseminated to the members or to the public that misrepresent or disparages will be corrected and removed from circulation.

We look forward to engaging in a process that will begin immediately in order to further develop our collaboration and move toward mutual recognition of each other's units of training, a mechanism for centers who desire to hold multiple accreditations, and reciprocity between both organizations for accreditation and certification. Each of us commits to mutually participate in the process and to share in providing the resources necessary to accomplish these goals in a timely manner.

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