

ACPE 2026

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

**ELEVATING COMMUNITY,
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Saturday, October 10, 2026

Time	Session	Details
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	CEC Pre-Conference Event	
8:00 AM - 9:30 AM	PC/SIP Pre-Conference Workshop Session <i>The Future of Education and Training of Pastoral Counselors</i>	Presented by Tom Knowles-Bagwell
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Pre-Conference Workshop <i>Beyond Compliance: Ethical Decision-Making in the Space Between Kairos and Chronos</i>	Presented by Beth Toler and Tere Canzonieri
11:45 AM - 1:15 PM	PC/SIP Pre-Conference General Session <i>The Wound Has a Theology: Sexuality, Neurodivergence, and the Pastoral Reckoning You Can No Longer Defer</i>	General Session/PC-SIP Presented by Dr. Myron Kris
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Pre-Conference Workshop <i>The Road to Certification: ACPE Pastoral Counselors in the 21st Century</i>	Presented by Tom Knowles-Bagwell, Jim Coffman, and Ryan Noel Fraser
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Pre-Conference Workshop <i>Beyond Talk Therapy: Guided Imagery and Spiritual Integration in Counseling</i>	Presented by Dr. Melody Thompson
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Pre-Conference Workshop <i>Who Is Sitting With Your Client? De-epidermalizing the Healer</i>	Presented by Dr. Myron Kris



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Sunday, October 11, 2026

Time	Session	Details
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	CEC Pre-Conference Event	
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Pre-Conference Workshop <i>Why Pastoral Counseling in the Age of Extremism: Healers Outside the Forum</i>	Presented by Jim Coffman
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Pre-Conference Workshop <i>Who Told You That? Identity, Worldview, and Mental Health</i>	Presenter Dr. Melody Thompson
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Pre-Conference Workshop <i>Re-envisioning Supervision of Pastoral Counselors: Relational Mutuality, Creative Process, and Formational Companionship</i>	Presented by Ryan Noel Fraser, PhD, LCPT and Chris O'Rear, MMFT, MDiv, LCPT
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Pre-Conference Workshop <i>Collaboration Across the Care and Educational Spectrum: Mental Health and Spirituality</i>	Moderated by Aaron Pawelek with Tammerie Day and Angelika Zollfrank
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Pre-Conference Workshop <i>God-Image, Faith Deconstruction, and Mental Health</i>	Presented by Dr. Melody Thompson
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM	Lunch and Learn	Hosted by the International Relations Committee
2:00 – 2:45 PM	Opening Ceremony	
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	ACPE Commencement <i>Glaz-Plummer Address</i>	Presented by Dr. Bilal Ansari
5:30 PM - 6:15 PM	Welcome Reception	



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6:15 PM - 9:00 PM	ACPE Annual Chairs Banquet Includes Awards, Chair Installation, and Memorial	
9:00 PM - 11:00 PM	After-party	



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Monday, October 12, 2026

Time	Session	Details
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	ACPE Annual Member Meeting	
10:45 AM-12:00PM	General Session I <i>Culture of Safety in Supervision Panel</i>	Moderated by Lynne Mikulak
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Workshop Session I Peer Review	Presented by the Professional Well-being Committee
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Workshop Session I <i>Toward an Evidence-Based Vision for Spiritual Care Education in Digital Health: A Conversation with CPE Educators</i>	Presented by Csaba Szilagyi, Fabian Winiger, and Simone Brandstädter
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Workshop Session I <i>Developing and Assessing Student Learning Outcomes</i>	Accreditation Commission
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Workshop Session I <i>Precepting and Clinical Pastoral Education</i>	Presented by Caitlyn Bailey and Calvin Bradley
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Workshop Session I <i>Use of Self (no-self?): A Contemplative Approach</i>	Presented by Jurgen Schwing
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Workshop Session I <i>Re-envisioning the 1A Unit: A Korean Immigrant Hybridity Toolkit for Collective Growth and Resilience</i>	Presented by Rev. Sunghee Han, Rev. Ki-Do Ahn, Jeanie Ju



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1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Workshop Session <i>Navigating Difficult Conversations</i>	Presented by Betty White
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM	Workshop Session <i>Whose Grief Counts?: Disrupting White-Centered Grief Theory in Spiritual Care</i>	Presented by Dr. Jamie Eady
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM	Workshop Session <i>Mental Health and Spirituality: An Overview of the Spiritual Care Specialist Training Program</i>	Presented by Aaron Pawelek and Tres Adames
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Keynote Address	Presented by Tricia Hearsey



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Tuesday, October 13, 2026

Time	Session	Details
8:45 AM - 10:15 AM	General Session <i>Buddhist Perspective</i>	Presented by Mary Remington
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Workshop Session II <i>Upcoming Changes to the Theory Integration Process and the Core Curriculum</i>	Presenter Certification Commission
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Workshop Session II <i>Advancing Research Engagement: Next Steps presenters</i>	Presented by Ty Crowe, Luke Ekstrom, and Paul Galchutt
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Workshop Session II <i>Evaluation</i>	Presented by Tiffany Redmond
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Workshop Session II <i>So You Want a Sustainable CPE Program?: Advocating for, Establishing, and Growing CPE Programs</i>	Presented by the Advocacy Committee
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Workshop Session II <i>Developing and Assessing Student Learning Outcomes</i>	Presented by the Accreditation Commission
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Workshop Session II <i>Use of AI in ACPE</i>	Presented by the Professional Ethics Commission
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Workshop Session II <i>The Impact of Connecting with Locally Religiously Diverse Families For Chaplains and Mental Health Professionals</i>	Presented by Satoe Soga and Beth Muehlhausen



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10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Workshop Session II <i>Vinegar & Honey: Reclaiming Joy and Healing the Healers Through Culturally Responsive Spiritual Care</i>	Presented by Ebony Only
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Workshop Session II <i>No Hands to Hold: Pedagogical Strategies for Teaching Spiritual Care in Digital and Virtual Environments</i>	Presented by Danielle Buhuro
1:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Community Corner	
2:15 PM - 3:45 PM	Workshop Session III <i>Upcoming Changes to the Theory Integration Process and the Core Curriculum</i>	Presented by the Certification Commission
2:15 PM - 3:45 PM	Workshop Session III <i>Evaluation</i>	Presented by Tiffany Redmond
2:15 PM - 3:45 PM	Workshop Session III <i>Silicon & Soul: Ethical and Generative Uses of AI in Clinical Pastoral Education</i>	Presented by Danielle Buhuro
2:15 PM - 3:45 PM	Workshop Session III <i>Accreditation Outcome Training</i>	Accreditation Commission
2:15 PM - 3:45 PM	Workshop Session III <i>Too Wounded to Heal Revisited: Considering Shame-Sensitive and Trauma-Informed CPE Supervision for the 21st Century</i>	Presented by Gina Harvey and Dustin Frye
2:15 PM - 3:45 PM	Workshop Session III <i>Cultivating Compassion Satisfaction in CPE Residency: Professional Identity, Formation, and Well-Being</i>	Presented by Craig Katzenmiller



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2:15 PM - 3:45 PM	Workshop Session III <i>Building Community and Belonging with Cultural Diversity in North America and around the Globe</i>	Presented by Mirjam Berger with Jawad Bayat, Silvia Crowe, Jenny Lannom, Lee Ann Rathburn, Patricia Symonette, and Satoe Soga
2:15 PM - 3:45 PM	Workshop Session III <i>Rest is Resistance: Let's Talk About It and Practice</i>	Presented by the Womanist CoP
2:15 PM - 3:45 PM	Workshop Session III <i>Teaching Trauma-Informed Care Through Film: An Experiential Workshop</i>	Presented by Robyn Hacker & Keith Wakefield



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Wednesday, October 14, 2026

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8:00 AM - 8:15 AM	Focusing Thoughts	
8:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Workshop Session <i>Embodied Movement-Based Spiritual Care</i>	Presented by Dr. Dana Rainey
8:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Workshop Session IV <i>Yin–Yang as an Asian Insight for Conflict Resolution in CPE Education/Supervision and Spiritual Care Implications of Empowerment Dynamics for Individuals and Communities in Practice</i>	Presented by Rev. "Kriss" Mi Young Choi, Rev. Kido Ahn
8:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Workshop Session IV <i>Effective Evaluation with a View Toward Accreditation</i>	Accreditation Commission
8:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Workshop Session IV <i>Simulation in CPE</i>	Presented by Tiffany Redmond and Kelsey White
8:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Workshop Session IV <i>Anti-Bias Practices in Online CPE: Expanding Access, Equity, and Program Reach</i>	Presented by Jennie Thomas
8:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Workshop Session IV <i>From Contempt to Curiosity: Exploring Internal Metaphoric Landscapes through Clean Language in CPE and with Care Recipients</i>	Presented by Mirjam Berger
8:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Workshop Session IV <i>What Does Access Really Mean? CPE from Barriers to Belonging</i>	Presented by Silvia Tiznado-Smith, Bicri Hernandez, Kathy Bird DeYoung



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10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Plenary - Wrap Up Includes closing speaker and closing ceremony	
12:15 PM - 2:00 PM	Closing Lunch/Brunch	
3:00 PM - 8:00 PM	CoP's Post-Conference Events	