

# ACPE 2026

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

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### Saturday, October 10, 2026

| Time                | Session                                                                                                                                                  | Details                                                             |
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| 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM   | CEC Pre-Conference Event                                                                                                                                 |                                                                     |
| 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM   | PC/SIP Pre-Conference Workshop Session<br><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<br><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<br><i>The Wound Has a Theology: Sexuality, Neurodivergence, and the Pastoral Reckoning You Can No Longer Defer</i> | General Session/PC-SIP<br>Presented by Dr. Myron Kris               |
| 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM   | Pre-Conference Workshop<br><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<br><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<br><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                                                                     |
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| 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM  | CEC Pre-Conference Event                                                                                                                                   |                                                                             |
| 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM  | Pre-Conference Workshop<br><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<br><i>Who Told You That? Identity, Worldview, and Mental Health</i>                                                                | Presenter Dr. Melody Thompson                                               |
| 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM | Pre-Conference Workshop<br><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<br><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<br><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<br><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<br>Includes Awards, Chair Installation, and Memorial |  |
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### Monday, October 12, 2026

| Time               | Session                                                                                                                                        | Details                                                              |
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| 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM | ACPE Annual Member Meeting                                                                                                                     |                                                                      |
| 10:45 AM-12:00PM   | General Session I<br><i>Culture of Safety in Supervision Panel</i>                                                                             | Moderated by Lynne Mikulak                                           |
| 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM  | Workshop Session I<br><i>Getting the Most Out of Peer Review</i>                                                                               | Presented by the Professional Well-being Committee                   |
| 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM  | Workshop Session I<br><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<br><i>Developing and Assessing Student Learning Outcomes</i>                                                                | Accreditation Commission                                             |
| 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM  | Workshop Session I<br><i>Strengthening Preceptorship: Equipping Staff Chaplains to Support Student Success</i>                                 | Presented by Caitlyn Bailey and Calvin Bradley                       |
| 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM  | Workshop Session I<br><i>Use of Self (no-self?): A Contemplative Approach</i>                                                                  | Presented by Jurgen Schwing                                          |
| 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM  | Workshop Session I<br><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<br><i>Navigating Difficult Conversations</i>                                                            | Presented by Betty White                                                                               |
| 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM | Workshop Session<br><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<br><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                                                                            |
| 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM | <i>Sacred Rest: A Time of Community Contemplation and Gathering of Resources</i>                                         | Led by Judith Roska, Janet Barriger, and Maureen Shelton, Jurgen Schwing, Brenda Simonds, Leslie Nambo |



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### Tuesday, October 13, 2026

| Time                | Session                                                                                                                      | Details                                                |
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| 8:45 AM - 10:15 AM  | General Session<br><i>The Chaplains of our Time: Serving Through Fearlessness and Engaged Compassion</i>                     | Presented by Mary Remington                            |
| 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM | Workshop Session II<br><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<br><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<br><i>Evaluating Program Effectiveness and Student Learning Outcomes</i>                                 | Presented by Tiffany Redmond                           |
| 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM | Workshop Session II<br><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<br><i>Developing and Assessing Student Learning Outcomes</i>                                             | Presented by the Accreditation Commission              |
| 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM | Workshop Session II<br><i>Use of AI in ACPE</i>                                                                              | Presented by the Professional Ethics Commission        |
| 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM | Workshop Session II                                                                                                          | Presented by Satoe Soga and Beth Muehlhausen           |



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|                     | <i>The Impact of Connecting with Locally Religiously Diverse Families For Chaplains and Mental Health Professionals</i>                |                                                    |
| 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM | Workshop Session II<br><i>Vinegar &amp; 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<br><i>No Hands to Hold: Pedagogical Strategies for Teaching Spiritual Care in Digital and Virtual Environments</i> | Presented by Danielle Buhuro                       |
| 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM | Workshop Session II<br><i>Advancing Research Engagement: Next Steps</i>                                                                | Presented by Paul Galchutt, Ty Crowe, Luke Ekstrom |
| 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM  | Racial Ethnic Minority (REM) Member Meeting                                                                                            |                                                    |
| 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM   | Community Corner                                                                                                                       |                                                    |
| 2:15 PM - 3:45 PM   | Workshop Session III<br><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<br><i>Silicon &amp; 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<br><i>Developing and Assessing Student Learning Outcomes</i>                                                      | Accreditation Commission                           |
| 2:15 PM - 3:45 PM   | Workshop Session III                                                                                                                   | Presented by Gina Harvey and Dustin Frye           |



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|                   | <i>Too Wounded to Heal Revisited: Considering Shame-Sensitive and Trauma-Informed CPE Supervision for the 21st Century</i>            |                                                                                                                               |
| 2:15 PM - 3:45 PM | Workshop Session III<br><i>Cultivating Compassion Satisfaction in CPE Residency: Professional Identity, Formation, and Well-Being</i> | Presented by Craig Katzenmiller                                                                                               |
| 2:15 PM - 3:45 PM | Workshop Session III<br><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<br><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<br><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

| Time               | Session                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Details                                                                |
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| 8:00 AM - 8:15 AM  | Focusing Thoughts                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                        |
| 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM | Workshop Session<br><i>Embodied Movement-Based Spiritual Care</i>                                                                                                                                                   | Presented by Dr. Dana Rainey                                           |
| 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM | Workshop Session IV<br><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<br><i>Effective Evaluation with a View Toward Accreditation</i>                                                                                                                                 | Accreditation Commission                                               |
| 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM | Workshop Session IV<br><i>Simulation in Chaplaincy Education: Student Perspectives, Emerging Evidence, and Future Directions</i>                                                                                    | Presented by Tiffany Redmond and Kelsey White                          |
| 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM | Workshop Session IV<br><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<br><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                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Presented by Silvia Tiznado-Smith, Bicri Hernandez, Kathy Bird DeYoung |



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|                     | <i>What Does Access Really Mean? CPE from Barriers to Belonging</i> |  |
| 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM | Plenary - Wrap Up<br>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                                        |  |