

Professional Pastoral Ministers Association Summer 2009 Newsletter



Where has the summer gone? All good intentions to publish this newsletter for the summer season have been foiled by enjoying the season. As we prepare for a new school year, fast approaching, new sacramental preparation and the church celebrations, we need to stop and look at where **we** (each one of us) are.

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Please note that we are in need of several people to fill open positions on the Board. Are you this person? Interested contact a representative.



The PPMA FALL Event – 2009 Lay Ministry Convocation
will be held on Friday, October 16, 2009 from 8:30 AM to 3:15
PM at St. Agnes Church Fowlerville, MI 48836
Sacred Circles – Spiritual Support for Pastoral Leaders

**Sponsored by the Professional Pastoral Ministers Association
and the Diocese of Lansing: Office of Lay Ministry**

Schedule:

8:30 am	Registration, Hospitality
9:00 am	Morning Prayer Bishop Boyea presiding
9:30 am	Morning Session Finding Peace in Diversity David Ware
12:00 noon	Lunch
1:00 pm	Afternoon Session Sacred Circle Gatherings
3:15 pm	Closing Prayer

If you are
AUTHORIZED - to serve as a public leader
for the Church community

COLLABORATING - with other pastoral
leaders to call out the gifts given all the
baptized faithful

BEING CALLED - to ministry & theological
reflection,

then this day is for you to learn new ways
to manage stress, prevent burn-out, and
create opportunities for on-going spiritual
nourishment.

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Sacred Circles – Spiritual Support for Pastoral Leaders
A DAY FOR CO-WORKERS IN COMMUNION – For All People in Ministry.

The day will be presented in two parts;

the morning session will be a presentation by David Ware on:

SPIRIT, MIND, BODY and COMMUNITY: FINDING PEACE IN ADVERSITY

This workshop will be devoted to identifying stress management techniques and is designed to provide some practical ideas to help Catholics "manage stress", or in the language of faith, "be not anxious for tomorrow".

the afternoon session will be an experience in "sacred circles", an opportunity to grow spiritually in a small group setting. It is intended that the techniques learned in this workshop be practiced in small group settings on an on-going basis. Therefore, it is hoped that these circles would continue beyond the day in some way as mutually agreed upon by each group. This is not intended to be a once and done effort. It is a way to help each of us to cope with the pressures of ministerial life. Small groups will be formed at the workshop and may continue or be modified based on what each group decides. Facilitators and tools will be available to assist in the on-going effort.

Fall Event Presenter:



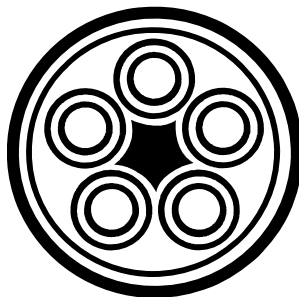
David Ware

Guided By Grace Bookstore
and St. Francis Book Store

Dave has a Master's degree in Social Work and has been in practice as a counselor and consultant for over twenty-five years. His areas of special interest are coping with change, stress management and the integration of faith and psychology.

Dave started a parish based counseling program at Immaculate Heart of Mary in 2000, with the vision of providing faith-based counseling services to IHM parishioners. We welcome this opportunity for Dave to share his expertise with us as well.

will be on-site for your assistance.



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Please Note that current PPMA membership is from October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010. **Current** PPMA Membership entitles each member to attend the Fall and Spring events at no additional cost. If you have renewed your membership for the current year, then there is no additional fee to attend the Fall Event. Membership renewal and Fall event attendance is addressed later in the newsletter, **USE THIS FORM TO REGISTER FOR THE FALL EVENT ONLY.** PPMA Registration Form with Fall Event Registration is on page 4, Thank You.

Registration Form – PPMA 2009 Fall - Lay Ministry Convocation

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Parish _____

Phone () _____ E-mail _____

____ \$25 for non-PPMA members* ____ No charge for current PPMA members

Make checks payable to: **Professional Pastoral Ministers Association.**

Please send registration & check (if applicable) by **Wednesday, October 14, 2009** to:

Samuel Lalomia, Treasurer PPMA
311 South Thompson St.
Jackson, MI 49203

OR: register by email: Same information
to: slalomia@ameritech.net

Call For further information: Samuel Lalomia (517) 784-9043 or Carol Waner (810) 687-1266

*Membership dues are \$30 per year (Oct. to Sept.). Join now and attend this workshop for free, PPMA application and renewal form is on page 4.

There is a discretionary fund that the Board votes upon each spring or fall. The award is up to \$300 and has been used to assist active members of PPMA in their ministries. If you would like to nominate a PPMA member to receive this award in 2009 – 2010 please let your area representative know the who, what and why's for your nomination.

For the 2008 -2009 year the Board approved a \$500 donation to Sienna Heights in the memory of Carol Jean McDonnell OP to fund a onetime memorial scholarship to assist current students in ministerial formation studies. Sr. Carol Jean was instrumental in the founding of PPMA and an inspiration to many of us.

Piedad Kelly, Peter Ries and Sr. Dorita Wotiska, OP, retired from the Diocesan Offices in June. Donations of \$100 each were made to them and a gift of lifetime membership in PPMA for their past service to our organization.

At the Spring 2009 general meeting a revision to the PPMA by-Laws was presented and passed by the membership. The Revised By-laws can be found on the PPMA Website: <http://www.ppma.parishesonline.com/scripts/HostedSites/Org.asp?ID=20459>

As the new 2009-2010 PPMA chair I welcome and encourage each of you to join in this hope-filled effort, inspired by God, to develop Sacred Circles for all people in ministry. This is a real opportunity for much needed ongoing professional networking and support for all of us. So many of

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us wear multiple hats and perform many important roles in the life of the Church and our parish community. Sacred Circles are to focus more on the precious person you are and not so much on all the hats you are wearing. Please pray for this effort and join us on Oct 16. -- *Scott Wright*

The PPMA Executive Committee for the 2009 – 2010 year is

Chair Person	Scott Wright	swright@rc.net
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If there is a program or activity that you would like to see, please let one of the above know of your wishes.

PPMA Membership RENEWAL === Each year we must renew our membership in PPMA to stay current. The PPMA year runs from October 1 to September 30. The \$30 Membership Fee entitles you to attendance at the Fall and the Spring Events, in addition to the other sponsored activities throughout the year, both diocesan wide and regionally. PLEASE Use this form to renew your membership AND register for the Fall Event presented in this newsletter. PPMA membership is open to all Professional Pastoral Ministers serving in the Diocese of Lansing. This includes both paid positions and volunteers. Please fill out the form and send it along with your dues. Thank you!

PPMA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND RENEWAL FORM

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____ (H)

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____ PHONE _____ (W)

E-MAIL: _____

POSITION: _____ PARISH/INSTITUTION: _____

YEARS IN MINISTRY: _____ REGION: _____

New member _____ Renewal _____ Will attend Fall 2009 Event Yes No

Please send completed form along with a Check made out to PPMA for \$30.00 to:

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