



PACIFIC HEALTH MINISTRY

Providing Spiritual Care and Education

Special Edition dedicated to William “Bill” Paty, and PHM’s Mission to provide spiritual care education

William and Peggy Paty



Bill Paty A Blessing in a Time of Need

By Rev. John Moody, Past President of PHM

Pacific Health Ministry was considering a capital campaign to create a new Programming and Educational Center. Not only did the organization have no home and no building, but, it also had no experience raising significant funds and no one who knew how to do that. Fast forward....

The Board of Directors secured a fund raising consultant to help with the project. At some point, the consultant suggested that he had someone for me to meet for lunch in Chinatown. That was how I met Bill Paty. He embraced the entire project and, on the spot, accepted the role of Chairperson.

In the days that followed Bill visited several of our program sites, and talked with our staff and volunteers. He wanted to know who we were and embrace the services we provided.

He said he needed help with the project – a Co-chairperson -- and he thought he knew the right individual. Her name was Gladys Kamakakuokalani ‘Ainoa Brandt – Aunty Gladys. Like Bill, she was a mighty force. Together they made connections with everyone; they knocked on doors; chased down the Governor; and visited legislators; community leaders; and foundations and supporters. A few years later, Bill and Gladys, along with the Board of Directors, burned the mortgage and opened our new center. Our little spiritual care and education agency had a real place in the community.

Commitment and service are a life style with Bill and he surrounds himself with people equally full of those rare qualities. He doesn’t just say he’ll do something; he does it. No one I have ever talked with--from the commanding General of the Army, to legislators, to community volunteers, and workers in the pineapple fields has ever said a disparaging word about Bill, at least not that I know of. Nothing to which Bill commits himself is too insignificant or unimportant for him to not give his best. The PHM past Board President, Alice Tucker, called Bill a “Mensch”. She said in Yiddish that means a person of high honor and integrity, a true human being. She is right. That’s Bill.

I am deeply honored and blessed to have known and worked with Bill. Naming the educational program center at PHM after Bill and Peggy is most appropriate. Bill knew our students. He made rounds in the hospital with our people training to be hospital chaplains. He listened to their stories of service and supported them in their development as care givers. Bill and I sat together at the ceremony that named the Hawai’ian Studies Center in the name Kamakakuokalani -- Aunty Gladys. She was the person whose name should be on that door he told me. I agreed.

Bill and Peggy Paty, for their service and involvement with Pacific Health Ministry, are the right people for whom the Educational Center should be named. The blessings they have shared with everyone in this organization will continue for every student from around the world who comes to learn what commitment, service and spiritual care giving really mean. If the students being trained capture a thimble full of what Bill is made of they too may someday be called “Mensch”. What they learn will, hopefully, provide untold blessings for all the people they will serve throughout their careers. What a priceless gift. God’s Blessings and Aloha Nui, Bill.

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Clergy Morning Conversation: Education for Community Leaders by Rev. Al Miles

Rev. Al Miles, Dr. Elizabeth Rhee and Rev. Fritz Fritschel



On Thursday, July 14, PHM sponsored the 2nd Clergy Morning Conversation of 2016. The location for this event was the Von Holt Room at The Cathedral of St. Andrew. More than 50 present and future spiritual leaders were in attendance. The focus of this particular *con-versation* was "Addressing Spiritual Needs in Older Adults." Dr. Elizabeth Rhee, a member of the PHM Professional Advisory Group, was the Plenary Speaker.

A board certified physician in family practice and geriatric medicine and serving currently as a hospital based geriatrician at The Queen's Medical Center, Dr. Rhee explained in lay terms the various responsibilities of her work. She then presented a case study for partici-pants to delve deeply into in small groups. Subsequently, an 80-year-old retired PHM Hospice chaplain, Lutheran minister and college professor, the Rev. Fritz Fritschel, who is affectionate known as "Professor Fritz," shared personal stories about the many health struggles he has encountered since retiring at age 65.

Appreciation for this session was widespread. Two expressions from spiritual leaders fol-low:

I attended the Clergy Morning Conversation in July on Spiritual Care for Older Adults and found it a very positive experience. Not only was the content relevant and thought-provoking, I was grateful for the opportunity to be in conversation with a diverse group of both congregational and clinical practitioners. I found our discussion enriching given the different points from which we minister to those in need. It was a wonderful opportunity to connect with new colleagues and gain some fresh perspective. I am thankful for PHM for providing such an opportunity. --The Rev. Elizabeth Leavitt, Pastor, Christ Church Uniting (Disciples and Presbyterians) Kailua, Hawaii

The workshop this week on serving the aged as chaplains was amazing. Hearing from the medical and patient perspectives was a perfect means to present the complexity and receive suggestions for improved spiritual health caregiving. I was struck by the comment by Dr. Rhee about homelessness among the aged which broadened my generalized view of this population. Professor Fritz's vulnerability and transparency in sharing before an audience was a rare opportunity for us to gain insight into the downward spiral of chronic illness. What was unique, however, was also Prof. Fritz's drive for legacy and meaningfulness even as he has lost many of the things he most enjoyed at an earlier time in his life through in-creasing disabilities. The adaptations he and his wife have made seem to be sustaining him. I hope I will have the same opportunities and insight for myself and my wife. --Glenn Croydon, PHM Clinical Pastoral Education chaplain resident serving at Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women and Children, Honolulu, Hawaii. The next Clergy Morning Conversation is slated for February 2017.

Greetings from the Executive Director By Rev. Anke Flohr

What a joy it is to celebrate 20 Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) graduates this summer! They came together for a CPE celebration on August 12, 2016 in the Kamehameha Auditorium at The Queen's Medical Center surrounded by their families, friends and colleagues. Congratulations! Well done!



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You Are Cordially Invited To:

An Evening with Bill Paty

Oct 23, 2016

at five o'clock in the evening at the

Japanese Cultural Center Manoa Grand Ballroom

2454 Beretania Street 5th floor, Honolulu, HI

Tickets are \$150 dollars a person.

You may also reserve tickets online by going to: <https://goo.gl/forms/EWXZVlazhsuZodC72>

Table Sponsorships are available starting at \$5000

If you are interested in sponsoring a table please call 808-591-6556 and

ask to speak with Reverend Anke Flohr.

All proceeds from the dinner will go to the Bill and Peggy Paty Learning Center Fund to support the educational efforts of PHM to train spiritual care providers here in Hawaii.

Detach and mail to Pacific Health Ministry 1245 Young Street Suite 204, Honolulu, HI 96814, to purchase tickets or confirm tickets reserved online

Number of Tickets: _____ x \$150 = _____

Meals: # of Vegetarian ____ # of Non-Vegetarian ____

Names of those attending:

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Thank you very much for your consideration. Any gifts given honor Bill and PHM deeply and will go to further the important work of Spiritual Care and Education in our community.



Deepening & Strengthening our Roots

The chaplains and staff of Pacific Health Ministry are committed to helping those we serve to develop this sort of spiritual resilience and look at Spiritual Care Week as an opportunity to both have a conversation to address suffering related to loss and trauma and to seek opportunities for strengthening spiritual resilience amid them.

October 23rd — 29th Pacific Health Ministry and the institutions in which our chaplains serve will be observing Spiritual Care Week. This year our focus will be on resiliency, for our patients, those around us and ourselves.

Spiritual Resilience represents one's ability to navigate through, or recover from, life's most challenging moments. Spiritual Resilience finds its roots in one's sense of spirituality and related practices, religion or beliefs, values, and outlook. It also represents the individual's ability to gain, maintain or revise a sense of purpose and meaning, relationships, connections to the sacred, nature, and understanding of themselves and the world around them. This type of resiliency only comes when we are rooted into the community or around us.

E Komo Mai! We at Pacific Health Ministry invite you to share and celebrate our recognition of Hawaii's beloved son Mr. Bill Paty and his lifelong efforts in educating and nurturing the next generation of Hawaii. PHM is launching the Bill & Peggy Paty Learning Center Fund to support our educational efforts. The Paty Learning Center will serve as our focal point, highlighting the training PHM provide for Chaplains and other professional spiritual care providers, as well as the education we provide to the wider lay and healthcare community. We encourage you to come as we celebrate Bill Paty youthful age of 95.

Mahalo nui loa!

Michael Magaoay

Event Chair



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Sacred Places

By Jazy Bostock, Clinical Pastoral
Education (CPE) Summer Intern

During my internship at The Queen's Medical Center this summer, I've been thinking a lot about sacred places. I have long believed that a place holds the intention or energy put into it – a faith that became solidified further when I worked on my mom's organic farm, witnessing the hopeful intention of planting new seeds, and praying for their growth and survival.

Maybe my work here is a little bit like that. I only have a few visits with each patient I see, and sometimes I can become frustrated that I am not able to fix anything. As I am coming to understand it, though, being a chaplain isn't about fixing anything, but rather it is about journeying with someone – and being present to their needs. I want to see the seeds that are in the deep, dark, damp caverns of soil reach their green sprouts towards the warm yellow rays of the sun. Often, though, during their time in the hospital patients are still somewhere in the darkness. Maybe they are beginning to sprout, but I rarely, if ever, get to see a patient through to their flourishing growth.

I am coming to realize, slowly, that each of these parts of life is sacred. I have the privilege of being invited in, and huddling up close to the seed while it is still in the dark cavern of soil. Not very many people get to bear witness to the growth that happens underneath the surface, but chaplains are so often invited into this sacred space by patients. Perhaps this hospital provides some of the nutrients in the soil that a plant needs to grow, creating an environment where the old can be shed and new life can be given permission to burst forth. I am blessed to work every day in such a sacred space. Amen.

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As you can see in this Special Edition Newsletter, education occurs on all levels: in healthcare and long term care facilities, and within the larger community.

In the last three decades PHM has trained hundreds of CPE students from across the globe, as well as providing continuing education to professional chaplains and community spiritual care volunteers. Thanks to Bill Paty, the students and staff chaplains have a center where specialized ministry education takes place. With gratefulness we will soon dedicate

our education space at 1245 Young Street, Suite 204, as "The Bill & Peggy Paty Learning Center." On October 23, 2016 from 5-8pm at the JCCH Manoa Grand Ballroom, PHM will celebrate a special 'Evening with Bill Paty.' Please join us for this special event. Mahalo! Together we serve the people of Hawai'i - one person at a time with compassion, dignity and respect.



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OCTOBER 23, 2016

An Evening with Bill Paty

Celebration of National Spiritual Care Week

Music, Food & Fellowship ~ In appreciation for the contributions of Bill Paty
in supporting Spiritual Care & Education to the people of Hawaii.

Japanese Cultural Center - Manoa Grand Ballroom - 5:00-8:00pm

JANUARY 12, 2017

Spiritual Care Education Day with Dr. Christina M. Puchalski, MD

"Making Health Care Whole - Integrating Spirituality into Patient Care"

Queen's Conference Center

In collaboration: Pacific Health Ministry & Hospice Hawaii

February 2017

Clergy Morning Conversation with Legacy of Life

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"Faith, Spirituality, and Organ Donation"

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