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Pastoral and Spiritual in Care Counselling Chapter Report

This report covers the period of: April 2016 to March 2017

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Membership:

The current membership of the PSCC Chapter is approximately 224 members as of March 2017, an increase of 7.69% since September 2016.

Past activities (last 6 months):

The Pastoral and Spiritual in Care Chapter Executive would like to thank the membership for all their support at the very successful AGM at the 2016 ACA-CCPA Conference in Montreal. The following changes to board membership were approved at the AGM: Past President/Secretary - Gerard Vardy; President – Cathy Underhill. The following individuals agreed to remain in their current roles as Treasurer - Jeanine Deshaies; and Member at Large - Nicole Richard. The Chapter held its third annual onsite BREAKFAST AGM, while at the 2016 CCPA Conference. The topic of Spirituality in Clinical Practice was discussed at the AGM.

The Chapter board accepted the nomination of Dr Saira Sabzaali at the November 2016 meeting, and appointed her to the vacant position of Vice-President subject to her appointment being approved at the AGM.

The Pastoral and Spiritual in Care Chapter have been meeting regularly since November 2016. Work to set up the "JIM ROBERTSON" award for students studying in the field of counselling and psychotherapy, with a focus on pastoral and spiritual in care, has been completed. The amount of this annual student award will be \$500 for the purpose of attending the CCPA conference. The Member at Large has been instrumental in coordinating this project on behalf of the Board, which was available for the CCPA conference in 2017. Although no applications were received in time for this conference, the award will be

highlighted at the upcoming Chapter AGM and re-advertised in advance of the following year's 2018 conference.

Chapter Finances:

Annex A.

Planned Activities:

The Board will send out to the membership, on a regular basis, a "newsletter" style email message as a means of keeping the membership update on current affairs and clinical practice on spirituality. The Jim Robertson award will be advertised to all membership periodically leading up to the 2018 conference. A survey requesting member feedback on the role of the Chapter and how best we can support members will be designed and distributed in 2017.

Other:

Note: The wildfire and subsequent evacuation in the Fort McMurray area have impacted planned activities of the Chapter due to the fact that the president, Cathy Underhill, is herself a resident of Fort McMurray. The impact of this event is still being felt within the community, as the date of the anniversary approaches. Alberta Health Services and Red Cross have indicated that it will be 3-5 years before the community heals. Demand for mental health services continues to increase as community members struggle to mend. In closing, thank you for all your support and encouragement, as we prepare for this year's conference in Saint John's, Nfld, May 16-19 2017.