



March 22 - March 25, 2017  
Marriott Courtyard Atlanta Decatur Downtown/Emory  
Decatur, Georgia

## PLENARY SESSIONS

### Opening Gathering & Plenary I

**Thursday March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 4:00pm – 6:00pm**

#### **“Current Issues and Vision for Spiritually Integrated, Theologically Reflective Psychotherapy and Care, Part I”**

What are the roles, functions, and identities of pastoral counselors and pastoral psychotherapists today? What paradigms shape their understanding of the needs of others? How can pastoral counselors serve the needs of diverse individuals in both religious and secular environments? This foundational address will reflect the continued and unfolding work of pastoral counseling in both clinical and traditional ministry settings. It will address key issues in the history, current practices, and future directions of pastoral counseling and its place among allied helping professions.

***presented by:*** Randy Simmonds, President, AAPC; Executive Director, The Samaritan Center of The Rockies, Edwards, CO

Jill Snodgrass, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Pastoral Counseling, Loyola University – Maryland

### Plenary II

**Friday March 24<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am – 10:15am**

#### **“Current Issues and Vision for Spiritually Integrated, Theologically Reflective Psychotherapy and Care, Part II”**

Dr. Lartey will challenge and re-examine the meaning of pastoral care in modern multicultural societies from a global perspective. The importance of recognizing different cultural influences on individuals will be stressed in order to effectively counsel, guide and empower them. Illustrations will be provided for how an intercultural approach can work in practice.

***presented by:*** Emmanuel Lartey, Ph.D., L. Bevel Jones, III, Professor of Pastoral

Theology, Care, and Counseling, Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, GA



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## Plenary III

Friday March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2:30pm – 4:15pm

### **“Innovations in Training: Adapting the AAPC Genius for the Current Generation”**

The poet David Whyte says that every creature, and every organization, “has to find the edge between its own particular genius and what it is being called into by the world around it.”

The next generation of therapists and pastors is already here. The future of our profession hinges on how well we adapt our particular genius to the needs of the current generation of therapists and pastors.

Who are they? In what contexts are they working or studying? What are their professional needs and learning interests? What platforms or structures can hold space for learners and teachers to congregate?

Across the association, many creative individuals and organizations are drawing wisdom from education and formation models that served us in previous decades and adapting them for use in this current context. They are providing training for state-licensed therapists who want to practice spiritually-integrated psychotherapy in diverse clinical contexts, graduate students learning pastoral counseling in CACREP-accredited masters programs, staff in mental health centers, pastors, and more.

This plenary session will feature engaged panelists who will teach us what they are learning about education and professional formation in the current context.

***facilitated by:*** Russell Siler Jones, ThD, LPCS, will introduce this plenary and moderate the panel. Russell is a pastoral counselor in Asheville, NC, Director of the CareNet/Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center’s Residency in Psychotherapy and Spirituality, and Chair of AAPC’s Southeast Region.

***panelists:*** Wally Fletcher, DMin, NCPsyA, is a pastoral counselor in Philadelphia, Adjunct Professor in the Graduate (Masters) Programs in Pastoral Counseling and in Organizational & Strategic Leadership, Neumann University, Aston, Advisor to the Philadelphia



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Department of Behavioral Health's Faith and Spiritual Affairs, and member of the AAPC Board of Directors.

David Reynolds, DMin, LPP, is Executive Director of Pastoral Counseling Services in Manchester, NH, and leader of Pastoral Leadership Development Groups for the NH Conference of the UCC, which provides support and education for clergy.

Thomas Rodgerson, PhD, LCPC, is Assistant Professor of Pastoral Counseling and Director of the MA Program in Spiritual and Pastoral Care at Loyola University Maryland in Baltimore. Elizabeth Reda Milazzotto, D. Min, is a pastoral counselor in Louisville, KY, and former Director of Training for the Kentuckiana Pastoral Counseling Consortium.

## **Plenary IV**

**Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup>, 9:15am – 11:15am**

### **“Spiritually Integrated, Theologically Reflective Psychotherapy and Care: Larger Systems and Models of Care”**

As the President of the largest, hospital-based spiritually-integrated counseling network in the US, Dr. Scoggin provides an overview of the opportunities, changes and challenges impacting spiritually-integrated counseling from healthcare reform, to the Affordable Care Act, to evidenced-based care. He examines the trends and dynamics which will inform the future practice of care in larger caring systems.

***presented by:*** Steve Scoggin, M. Div., Psy. D., LPC, Assistant Vice-President of Behavioral Health and President, CareNet, and Assistant Professor in Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine – Wake Forest Baptist Health, Winston-Salem, NC

## **Closing Gathering**

**Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup>, 4:30pm – 5:30pm**

### **“The Blessing and Challenge of Spiritually Integrated, Theologically Reflective Psychotherapy and Care”**



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### **Kyle Matthews, Conference Musician**

Plan to join us as Kyle Matthews opens each plenary session with a time of creative music through engagement and participation, connecting with our spirit around the heart of what we do as individuals who bring together the two worlds of psychology and spirituality in the context of healing relationships.

**Kyle Matthews** is the Minister of Worship Arts at First Baptist Church, Greenville, SC and the owner of See for Yourself Music, a small company that publishes his music and manages his appearances. Kyle spent two decades working as a recording artist and staff songwriter for BMG and Universal Publishing companies in Nashville, TN, during which time his songs were recorded by over 70 major artists and won the Dove, Stellar, GMA and numerous ASCAP and BMI awards. In 2008, he transitioned to local pastoral ministry to give expression to his deep commitment to a more interpersonal ministry, sound theology, and spiritual health. Kyle's pastoral role allows him to continue his concert ministry and to accept outside speaking engagements on a limited basis. Kyle is married to Susan and their children are Emily and Christopher. In April of 2006, his Alma Mater, Furman University, awarded him the Richard Furman Baptist Heritage Award recognizing "a graduate who reflects Baptist ideals by thinking critically, living compassionately and making life changing commitments."