Snapshots from 2012

Organizational Direction
- 2012 was marked by planning on many levels.
- The strategic planning process and finalization of a 2012-2017 Strategic Plan lead by the NACC Board of Directors.
- Throughout the first half of 2012, the Board refined and tested with members the goals and objectives for a 2012-2017 plan.
- 57 members volunteered to be part of goal teams to further recommend objectives and strategies for the goals.
- At the 2012 National Conference members reviewed and gave further feedback on the plan’s goals and objectives.
- The Board then further refined and approved the plan at its post-Conference Board meeting.
- At the fall 2012 Board meeting the Board prioritized objectives for the Goals, and created action teams to advance the implementation of the plan.

Member Support and Education
- State Liaisons continue to convene quarterly to network, share learnings, and provide leadership to their developing role. NACC staff regularly notifies them of new members in their states.
- In 2012 NACC received 150 new members (134 – 2009, 161 – 2010, 184 -2011) who profile as 58 laywomen; 37 priests; 32 laymen; 16 religious women; 7 deacons.
- As of January 2013 our membership profile is 50.8% lay (37.5% women, 13.3% men), 27.6% sisters, 17.4% priests, 3.8% brothers and deacons, and .4% others, with 68% board certified.
- 17 local gatherings with nearly 400 participants, prepared by state liaisons, planning teams, and NACC staff, some in places that did not hold gatherings in 2011.
- 11 audio conferences, all but two having two sessions, with more than 400 lines participating.
- 2012 National Conference in Milwaukee, WI, served nearly 400 participants.
- Network conference calls/sessions continue with diverse members groups, such as Palliative Care/ Hospice Care, Long Term Care, 40ish and Under, Deacons, and Correctional Chaplains.
- The NACC Research Task Force began to hold quarterly conference calls to provide counsel to advance research literacy.
- A conference call to read and discuss research articles began toward the end of 2012.
- Ongoing collaboration with the CHE Spiritual Care Champions 2012-2014 webinar series based on the Standards of Practice for Professional Chaplains in Acute Care.
- NACC Now e-newsletter continues to be used by many to seek counsel and resources from each other, as well as share news, seek prayers, and offer support. Now more than 1200 non-NACC members subscribe for communication and resources.
- *Vision* on-line continues to receive high marks for the quality of its content, and more members contribute to its content.

Member Certification
- 76 members were certified and 177 were renewed in their certification.
- In Spring 2012: we had 89 member volunteers (66 interviewers, 13 ITEs, 9 Site Coordinators, and 1 Commissioner-on-Call). Thank you!
- Fall 2012: we had 50 member volunteers (35 interviewers, 9 ITEs, 5 Site Coordinators, and 1 Commissioner-On-Call). Thank you!
Promoting Chaplaincy

- Partner with the Catholic Health Association in the work of the Pastoral Care Advisory Committee consisting of Catholic healthcare system leaders responsible for spiritual/pastoral care to advance key areas of spiritual care, including quality initiatives, staff structuring, and communicating spiritual care’s value.
- Explored stronger partnership with Supportive Care Coalition in preparing members for palliative care.
- Worked with InFocus to prepare both a one-minute commercial and a corporate video to be used in diverse communication/marketing initiatives, and are now on our website.
- The NACC’s video “Chaplaincy Ministry” continued to be distributed among diverse stakeholders.
- Continued strengthening of partnerships with diverse theological graduate programs of the Association of Graduate Programs in Ministry (AGPIM) to grow awareness of chaplaincy as a ministry.
- Ongoing development of collaboration/partnership with health systems that engage NACC to seek and share ways to promote spiritual care.
- Numerous NACC members continued to write articles, conduct and publish research, attend interdisciplinary workshops, and implement Pastoral Care Week Programs to advance the profession.

Catholic Relations

- On the recommendation of the NACC Episcopal Advisory Council, David Lichter sent a letter to all ordinaries on February 11, 2012, and included a list of all members who work and/or reside in their (arch) diocese, and the NACC received several letters of appreciation for the communication.
- In fall 2012 David Lichter was appointed as one of the five consultants to the new USCCB Subcommittee on Certification for Ecclesial Ministry and Service.
- The NACC hosted its annual meeting of the NACC Episcopal Advisory Council at the November 2012 USCCB Assembly, and the discussion focused on how bishops and dioceses and our members can strengthen relationships; and David Lichter reviewed draft materials on this topic for the February 11, 2013 mailing.
- David Lichter and John Pollack participated in early December in a leadership forum with leaders of other Catholic Ministry Associations, including members of the Certification Alliance Partners: the National Association for Lay Ministry (NALM), the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership (NCCL), the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM), the National Association for Pastoral Musicians (NPM), and the National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers (NACFLM).

Financial Stability

- As in the prior three years (2009, 2010, 2011), NACC ended the year in good financial health with a net surplus of $65,021 ($858,809.29 expenses to $923,830. revenue). When including unrealized capital gains of $49,972.71, our surplus revenue was $114,994.
- Our Annual Member Campaign donors (477) were near the number that gave in 2011 (496), and the $44,891.45 raised was less than in 2011 ($47,513), but more than 2010 ($44,267). We are especially grateful to our members for helping us meet our budgeted $44,000 for the 2012 Annual Member Campaign!
- Many Catholic healthcare systems sponsored 2012 National Conference ($31,500) and committed to being Institutional Sponsors ($27,000)! Thank you!
- NACC Finance Committee continued to use a financial forecast model that helps NACC to create and understand financial trends for the next four-five years.

We thank all of you for helping in 2012 to fulfill our mission and to realize the final line of our NACC vision statement: NACC is a light of hope, whose members are persistently advocating for those dedicated to the spiritual care of people experiencing pain, vulnerability, joy, and hope.

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