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## Integrating Spirituality, Ethics, Values & Counseling

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Our connections are the spirit of our organization and are essential to our mission. As Teilhard de Chardin said "The most satisfying thing in life is to have been able to give a large part of one's self to others." I think this was definitely the case in Atlanta at the ACA conference where many ASERVIC members, leaders, and collaborators came together in a creative way to serve our profession.

This year has been about connection through our publications, outreach activities, and sponsored programs. We re-instituted the state division presidents' luncheon and had seven states represented. All the presidents shared the activities of their organizations and created a sense of camaraderie and collaboration that we hope to continue to support at the national level. At the ASERVIC breakfast on Sunday, we honored the New Mexico ASERVIC with the state division award and a \$250 grant supporting their conference in August. State president, Rebecca Skeele accepted on behalf of her organization.

In addition, continuing a tradition of honoring the work of a local social service agency that supports ASERVIC's mission, at our breakfast we recognized Samaritan House, an agency serving the homeless men and women of Atlanta. A volunteer, Dr. Larry Huntsberry, shared the narratives and life stories of their clients, and described the power of providing respect and dignity to all human beings. It was truly inspirational! Check out their programs at www.samaritanhouse.org

Our sponsored programs drew big crowds and strong interest resulting in requests for more programs in Montreal. Keep watch for more news about ASERVIC sponsored workshops being offered before the conference in Montreal also.

A big thank you goes out to the Convention committee including Dr. Jane Chauvin, convention chair, and Mary Harding, booth coordinator. We had one of the best joint receptions with AADA, C-AHEAD, and CSJ that any of the presidents of those divisions had seen in past years. It was strongly attended. We coordinated that effort and were happy to include the Counselors for Social Justice as new partners. The booth activity was extremely strong and we were able to sell the CD, *Meditations for Clients and Counselors*, as well as the newly published monographs. These will soon be available on the website.

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Watch our website. The Board meeting was extremely productive and creative and has charged committee members to expand our website links and services for our members. Darlene Daneker, webmistress, and the members of the Speakers Bureau committee, Carole Fournier and Nanette Greene, are compiling speaker information for use nationwide.

The excitement of meeting with leaders in person when we communicate through email most of the time was very uplifting and satisfying for me. I wish that all the members could meet their elected leaders and continue to help us serve you better. Stay in touch and send us comments and suggestions as to what you would like to see ASERVIC do for you. It is possible to collaborate and communicate throughout the country on our important topics of spirituality, ethics, and religious values in counseling!

Have a great Spring!

Tracey Robert

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Counseling and Values, the journal of the Association for Spiritual, Ethical, and Religious Values in Counseling (ASERVIC), is seeking applicants for Editorial Board 2005-2008. Several openings are available for the three-year term from July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2008. Primary responsibilities include reviewing manuscripts and submitting the reviews to the Editor in a timely manner. Editorial board members should be familiar with the content and aims of the Counseling and Values journal and the Association for Spiritual, Ethical, and Religious Values in Counseling; have sound opinions on what is relevant to readers; and be able to offer constructive feedback to authors.

All members of the American Counseling Association who are interested in serving on the editorial board of the journal are encouraged to submit their application materials by **June 1, 2005**. Those selected must be willing to join ASERVIC.

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