



## SPIRITUAL CARE & CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION UPDATES - OCTOBER 2018

### New Fall Students

We welcomed 6 CPE Fall students and 1 intern on August 27.



**George Ellis** is an ordained minister and assistant pastor at the Atherton Baptist church.



Our intern, **Lillian Kowalski** is a student at Hebrew Union College and will be with us through June 2019.

**Anica Leitch** is a Growth Group Coordinator with the non-denominational South Hills Church.



**Michele Lenke** is a Rabbi at Temple Beth Shalom & Temple Beth David.

**Amy Obrist** is a Spiritual Director at the First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood.



**Mercedes Young** is a non-denominational and Foursquare International student at Fuller who will soon complete her MDiv.

**Xiao Wen (Aloka) Zhang** is a Buddhist nun studying chaplaincy as a doctoral candidate in the Buddhist Ministry at UWest.



### Story of the Month

#### *Teaching experience with Chaplains in Haifa*

Rabbi Michael Schultz, director of spiritual care at Rambam Hospital invited Rev. Dagmar Grefe, PhD who had met him during an ACPE facilitated trip to Israel earlier this year to teach his chaplains studying in a specialty pediatric unit, the first of its kind in Israel. In August, the students from Haifa and L.A. joined via videoconference. The first class focused on family dynamics in pediatric spiritual care. In a second session Dr. Debra Lotstein, Director of CHLA's Division of Comfort and Palliative Care, introduced the practice of pediatric palliative care and its collaboration with spiritual care. Her presentation was complemented by a case discussion. Rabbi Schultz in turn will teach a seminar on the use of text in spiritual care. Bridging 7,500 miles, students from both hospitals had an opportunity to learn together about spiritual care, discover similarities and differences of their contexts and to engage in intercultural education.

**Rosh Hashanah** – We celebrated Rosh Hashanah on September 10 and 11. Packages from the Spiritual Care Team and Chai Lifeline containing Rosh Hashanah greetings as well as sweet New Year greetings in the form of apple and honey were provided for patients who desired.

**Oktoberfest** – The Spiritual Care Guild of CHLA held its annual benefit on Saturday, Sep 29, 5:00pm at Southwestern Academy in San Marino. Activities included traditional German food, music and games, and life football coverage.

