



APC Discontinues SCC Participation but Remains Committed to Collaboration

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At its fall 2010 meeting, the APC Board of Directors passed the motion that the Association of Professional Chaplains withdraw from formal participation in the Spiritual Care Collaborative (SCC), remaining open to collaboration in the future on work that supports the advancement of professional chaplaincy.

APC, along with five other groups, formed a Limited Liability Corporation in 2007 in order to hold a joint conference. Another joint conference is not scheduled in the near future, and the SCC has no specific goals, outcomes or joint projects in the horizon. The APC board determined it was not a good use of organizational funds, or volunteer and staff resources, to continue to pay the yearly dues of SCC or participate in monthly conference calls.

However, APC's withdrawal from SCC in no way indicates a desire to terminate relations with the other five groups. As in the past, APC is committed to collaborating with other chaplaincy groups in proactive ways that are mutually beneficial, serve to advocate for the profession and provide educational resources for professional growth to engage in chaplaincy care.

APC continues its advocacy for the Common Standards and Common Code of Ethics, which were developed by the former Council on Collaboration and affirmed by the Spiritual Care Collaborative. APC is the national leader in integrating the Common Standards/Code of Ethics in its standards for professional chaplaincy care and providing education to administrators, regulatory groups, and non-chaplain disciplines of their importance.

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