

PEDIATRIC CHAPLAINS NETWORK

ANN MILLER AWARD

for Excellence and Innovation in Pediatric Chaplaincy 2012

Ann, we welcome you by teleconference to the 18th annual (*can you believe it?*) National Conference of the Pediatric Chaplains Network.

Chaplain Ann Miller is an amazing person by any accounting. She could be singled out for an award in any number of categories of excellence. Today, we wish to honor her for her many gifts to the PCN, our Pediatric Chaplains Network.

The PCN owes a huge debt of gratitude to Ann for her foundational care for our organization in its earliest years. In Boston in 1995, the PCN was discussed and dreamed about within a conference sponsored by the Association for the Care of Children's Health (ACCH). The next year in Albuquerque NM we held our first pre-conference gathering as the PCN within that larger group. A few years later the ACCH disbanded, and we needed to make decisions about our own Network. It was Ann who served as our President in 1999 and 2000 as we became an independent organization. She oversaw this transition, working with a lawyer to establish us as a 501(c)(3) organization. She also wrote our new bylaws, competencies and ethical standards. Those labors alone are cause for an award, but Ann continued on in service to us.

When the decision was made to include developmental training each year to the PCN Forum, Ann shared from her knowledge of Child Development (her PhD field) and laid a foundation of the childhood stages for Pediatric Chaplains to know and use in our work. Then in 2006 when it came time to inaugurate the PCN's new Pediatric Chaplains Institute, Ann was a member of the initial curriculum team and a founding faculty member.

Ann has also been an advocate for children outside the hospital and the PCN. She appeared before the Texas State Senate as they were crafting the Texas Advance Directives statute. And from 2000-2008 she served on the Dept. of Health and Human Services' Secretary's Advisory Committee on Infant Mortality. Her own hospital dedicated their labyrinth to Ann and her department.

Ann earned her Texas state teaching certificate in 1971 as a music teacher.

She has a Masters Degree in Music Therapy with a minor in Psychology from 1976.

She earned her PhD in Child Development in 1984, with a minor in Music Therapy. Her dissertation was on "The Effects of Music on Fetal Heart Rate."

She was ordained in 1987, the same year she became a licensed Professional counselor.

Ann began her work as a Chaplain/Counselor at Cook Children's in 1988.

She became a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist in 1992.

She served the PCN as President Elect, President and Immediate Past President from 1997-2003.

Ann became the Director of Pastoral Care at Cook Children's in 1998.

She has been a Board Certified Chaplain (APC) since 2001.

With this award we of the PCN hope in some small way to honor a colleague whose dedication, hard work and wisdom was foundational to this organization as we continue to serve the goals laid out in her initial bylaws:

- 1) To enhance and advocate for the unique spiritual care needs of children and families in health care
- 2) To establish and maintain a network designed specifically for pediatric chaplains to provide nurture, support, communication and other collegial opportunities
- 3) To create continuing education opportunities to improve the quality of professional development of pediatric chaplaincy, to share important resources and to promote excellence in clinical skills of pediatric chaplains
- 4) To encourage theological and spiritual edification and reflection
- 5) To speak for the interests of pediatric chaplaincy in relationships with other professional chaplaincy organizations and with individuals and groups making public policy decisions

Ann blessed our lives as Pediatric Chaplains through her hard work and visioning as we found our way as a stand-alone Network. She continued on in guiding our educational opportunities through the years. I hope she approves of our “development from childhood” to—what? perhaps we are in our adolescence now?

With deeply heartfelt thanks, this inaugural “Ann Miller Award for Excellence and Innovation in Pediatric Chaplaincy” is presented to Dr. Ann Miller of Cook Children’s, Ft. Worth TX.

And yes, we intend to continue to present the Ann Miller Award in years to come in your honor, Ann.

ANN MILLER

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LICENSES/ORDINATION

2001 - Present, Board Certified Chaplain, Association of Professional Chaplains
 1992 - Present, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, Texas
 1987 - Present, Licensed Professional Counselor, Texas
 1987 - Present, Ordained Baptist Minister; CBF-endorsed for chaplaincy
 1971 - Teaching Certificate, K-12 Music, Texas

EDUCATION

SOUTHWESTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, FORT WORTH, TEXAS
Graduate Theology course work, 1987-1989.

TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY, DENTON, TEXAS
Ph.D. Major: Child Development. Minor: Music Therapy, 1984.
Dissertation: "The Effects of Music on Fetal Heart Rate"
M.A. Major: Music Therapy. Minor: Psychology, 1976. (Graduate Teaching Assistant)

SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY, DALLAS, TEXAS
B.Mus. Major: Music Education, summa cum laude, 1971.

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY, WACO, TEXAS
Course work toward B.Mus, 1968-1970.

EXPERIENCE

COOK CHILDREN'S MEDICAL CENTER, FORT WORTH, TEXAS
Director of Pastoral Care, 1998-Present; Chaplain/Counselor 1988-1997

CHILDREN'S MEDICAL CENTER, DALLAS, TEXAS
Chaplain Resident (5 units Clinical Pastoral Education), 1987-1988.

ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH, DALLAS, TEXAS
Coordinator of Children's Music; 1985-1987.

SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY, DALLAS, TEXAS
Assistant Professor of Music Therapy, 1980-1985. (Adjunct: 1978-1980)

CHILDREN'S DEVELOPMENT CENTER, DALLAS, TEXAS
Clinical Music Therapist, 1975-1978. (Infants and children with developmental challenges)

DALLAS COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL RETARDATION CENTER
Music Therapy Intern, 1975. (Child, adolescent, and adult psychiatric day treatment)

LANCASTER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, LANCASTER, TEXAS
Elementary Music Teacher, 1971-1973.

OTHER

PEDIATRIC CHAPLAINS NETWORK, *President, 1999-2001.*
 PEDIATRIC CHAPLAINS INSTITUTE: *Member of Curriculum Development Team and Faculty, 2006-2007.*
 SECRETARY'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON INFANT MORTALITY, *U.S. Dept. of HHS, 2000-2008.*
 BRITE DIVINITY SCHOOL, TCU, *Baptist Advisory Committee, 1998-2002; Adjunct Faculty, Pastoral Theology:*

"Pastoral Care of Children", Summer 2000.

FACULTY RESPONSIBILITIES (SMU)

DIRECTOR OF UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM IN MUSIC THERAPY, DIRECTOR OF CLINICAL TRAINING PROGRAM FOR GRADUATES AND UNDERGRADUATES, UNDERGRADUATE ADVISOR, CHAIR/SERVE ON THESIS COMMITTEES FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS, FACULTY COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES.

SMU COURSES TAUGHT: INTRODUCTION TO MUSIC THERAPY, INFLUENCE OF MUSIC ON HUMAN BEHAVIOR, MUSIC IN THERAPY, PRACTICUM IN MUSIC THERAPY, INTERNSHIP IN MUSIC THERAPY, PSYCHOLOGY OF MUSIC. ALSO TAUGHT A "CAPSTONE" COURSE FOR SENIORS IN THE UNIVERSITY'S LIBERAL ARTS CURRICULUM.

ADJUNCT FACULTY RESPONSIBILITIES (BRITE DIVINITY SCHOOL/TCU)

COURSES TAUGHT: PASTORAL CARE OF CHILDREN IN CRISIS

SAMPLING OF RELATED LECTURES/PUBLICATIONS

"THE ORDINATION OF WOMEN IN THE TEXAS BAPTIST TRADITION." *PERSPECTIVES IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES* 29:3 (2003), 269-287.

"MINISTERING TO TERMINALLY ILL CHILDREN," *CAREGIVING* 3:3 (APRIL-JUNE 1996), 6-7.

"ETHICS IN PEDIATRIC MEDICINE: CARING FOR CHILDREN NEAR THE END OF LIFE". PHYSICIAN GRAND ROUNDS, DRISCOLL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, CORPUS CHRISTI, TX.

THREE LECTURES: "CHILDREN IN CRISIS;" "FAITH DEVELOPMENT IN EARLY CHILDHOOD;" "ENCOURAGING THE HEART." LIFEWAY PUBLISHING, NASHVILLE, TN.

"FAITH DEVELOPMENT AND CRISIS IN CHILDREN." NORTH ALABAMA UNITED METHODIST CONFERENCE, CONFERENCE FOR PASTORS AND CHILDREN'S PASTORS.

"GROWING IN MIND, GROWING IN SPIRIT." PEDIATRIC CHAPLAINS FORUM, LONG BEACH, CA.

SOUTHWESTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, GUEST LECTURE. "HELPING CHILDREN DEAL WITH TRAGEDIES."

SOUTHWESTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, GUEST LECTURE, SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY. "THEOLOGICAL ISSUES IN PEDIATRIC CHAPLAINCY PRACTICE."

"WHEN AGREEMENT IS ILLUSIVE: DIFFICULT DECISIONS IN END-OF LIFE CARE." PHYSICIAN GRAND ROUNDS, COOK CHILDREN'S, FORT WORTH, TX.

"THE ETHICS OF LANGUAGE." GRAND ROUNDS, HENDRICK MEDICAL CENTER, ABILENE, TX.

"A THEOLOGY FOR HOSPITALIZED CHILDREN." PEDIATRIC CHAPLAINS FORUM, SEATTLE, WA.

"COMMUNICATION SKILLS FOR PHYSICIANS IN PEDIATRIC AUTOPSY INFORMED CONSENT." GRAND ROUNDS, COOK CHILDREN'S MEDICAL CENTER, FORT WORTH, TX.

"RESPECTFUL CARE OF THE MUSLIM PATIENT AND FAMILY." GRAND ROUND, COOK CHILDREN'S MEDICAL CENTER, FORT WORTH, TX.