## CPE Chaplain Internship

The Riverside Regional Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Program helps prepare seminarians, spiritual care providers and clergy for careers in health care settings. Over the past decade, we have educated and shaped hundreds of spiritual care professionals from all over the country. Our graduates make a real difference in the lives of patients and families across a multitude of settings, including hospitals, prisons, home health, hospice, long-term care, and various outreach opportunities.

## **NEW OFFERING!**

## An extended unit of Clinical Pastoral Education from October 17, 2022 to May 5, 2023

Develop the skills that help provide spiritual care to those in the hospital and other facilities.

One day of classes per week.

A \$1500.00 stipend after the program is successfully completed.

Rural communities and towns on the Middle Peninsula and Northern Neck in Eastern Virginia:

- Riverside Lifelong Health and Rehabilitation Mathews
- Riverside Lifelong Health and Rehabilitation Saluda
- Riverside Sanders Retirement Community (Gloucester)
- Riverside Walter Reed Hospital (Gloucester)
- VCU Health Tappahannock Hospital

We hope to place Chaplain interns at Bon Secours Rappahannock General Hospital and Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury (Irvington).

The Certified Educator for the Extended Unit offering is A. Susan Cross, a retired Methodist Minister with more than 30 years of experience as a pastor, pastoral counselor, chaplain, CPE Educator and Chief of Chaplains at the VA Medical Center in Hampton. Riverside has offered Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) since 1976 when Doug Watson became the Director and ACPE Educator. In 2014, Wendi Steinberg became the Director of the Spiritual Care Department. Wendi is the ACPE Educator for the Chaplain Residency and a board certified Chaplain. Riverside Regional CPE programs are accredited by the ACPE and approved by the Department of Veterans Affairs for CPE.

The Extended CPE unit (October to May) and the Full-Time Summer unit (May-August) on the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula are funded by the Lantz grant. Robert Lantz, a CPE Educator now deceased, hoped to provide this opportunity in rural areas where there are equity issues and a lack of local formal theological educational opportunities.

This institution is approved to offer GI Bill<sup>®</sup> educational benefits by the Virginia State Approving Agency.

