

# ACPE receives a 3-year grant of \$275,000 to support the Assessment of Healthcare Chaplaincy Education!

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In its recent grant cycle, the Directors of the Henry Luce Foundation approved a 3-year grant of \$275,000 to ACPE to support the assessment of healthcare chaplaincy education! During this grant cycle, the Henry Luce Foundation awarded \$13,000,000 in grants to 42 institutions. These grants, awarded in five program areas, advance the Foundation's commitments to the development of intellectual leaders and the public dissemination of knowledge.

In this project, "Assessing & Reimagining Chaplaincy Education: The Case of Healthcare," ACPE will work with Wendy Cadge (Brandeis University) and George Fitchett (Rush University Medical Center) to investigate the pedagogical and theological foundations of chaplaincy education in healthcare and develop a strategic conversation with key stakeholders about its future. It is premised on the idea that the educational bases for chaplaincy education are several decades out of date, and that chaplains may be even more in demand in coming years as fewer people belong to religious organizations and can, therefore, turn to local religious leaders in the midst of health crises.

"We are delighted to partner with The Henry Luce Foundation and build upon the research of Wendy Cadge and George Fitchett," said ACPE Executive Director Trace Haythorn. "We feel so fortunate that the Henry Luce Foundation recognizes the potential of this work, led by two of the premier researchers in our field."

This project expands upon Cadge and Fitchett's work through the Transforming Chaplaincy project ([www.researchliteraturechaplaincy.org](http://www.researchliteraturechaplaincy.org)) funded by the John Templeton Foundation, with an eye towards the future needs and structure of the ACPE as we look towards our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

ACPE is excited about this philanthropic partnership with The Henry Luce Foundation, and we are grateful for their investment in CPE, chaplaincy and spiritual care education!

## **About The Henry Luce Foundation**

*The Henry Luce Foundation was established in 1936 by Henry R. Luce, the co-founder and editor-in-chief of Time Inc., to honor his parents who were missionary educators in China. The Foundation builds upon the vision and values of four generations of the Luce family: broadening knowledge and encouraging the highest standards of service and leadership. The Henry Luce Foundation seeks to bring important ideas to the center of American life, strengthen international understanding, and foster innovation and leadership in academic, policy, religious and art communities.*

## **About The Association for Clinical Pastoral Education**

*The Association for Clinical Pastoral Education (ACPE) is a multicultural, multifaith organization devoted to providing education and improving the quality of ministry and pastoral care offered by spiritual caregivers of all faiths through the clinical educational methods of Clinical Pastoral Education. Since ACPE formed in 1967 (as a merger of four CPE organizations), nearly 200,000 units of ACPE certified CPE have been offered to about 75,000 individuals from the United States and many other countries internationally.*

*The Association for Clinical Pastoral Education is nationally recognized as an accrediting agency in the field of clinical pastoral education by the U.S. Secretary of Education through the U.S. Department of Education.*