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*E*xpanding the Circle is a collection of essays honoring Joan Hemenway, D. Min. Dr. Hemenway became the twentieth president of ACPE in January 2006, a position she held until her death a year later. Throughout her career she generated theoretical and conceptual knowledge that pushed the boundaries of thought in ACPE and promoted the highest standards of practice for pastoral educators and chaplains alike. She is the author of *Inside the Circle, A Historical and Practical Inquiry Concerning Process Groups in Clinical Pastoral Education*, a book currently being reprinted by JCPC as a part of the required “canon” for those training in CPE supervision. *Expanding the Circle* contains essays by Dr. Hemenway’s former students, friends, and colleagues; reprints some of her own papers; and extends the work she began in establishing a new theoretical base for small group work in CPE.

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This *Festschrift* serves as a celebration of the life and work of Joan Hemenway. Containing articles that explore both the theory and application of Systems Centered Theory (SCT), as well as articles that highlight innovative thought and practice in CPE and pastoral care, it constitutes a significantly important contribution to the field of pastoral care and education. It is particularly gratifying to see the work of several generations of ACPE supervisors represented in this volume. The articles challenge us to think in new ways about CPE and supervisory and pastoral practice. I found it to provide a rich learning experience and I believe it should be essential reading for all pastoral care practitioners and educators.

*William E. Scrivener  
President, ACPE*

Bridging from Joan Hemenway's own writings to new reflections by a wide variety of clinical pastoral educators, these essays show the growth of the CPE model into contemporary relational and intercultural perspectives. Excerpts from verbatims and the authors' personal experiences make this volume both lively and accessible. A fine tribute to one of the foremothers of modern pastoral care!

*Pamela Cooper-White  
Author, Many Voices: Pastoral Psychotherapy in Relational and Theological Perspective  
and Shared Wisdom: Use of the Self in Pastoral Care and Counseling*

Joan Hemenway will be remembered as the first supervisor to give disciplined attention to conceptualizing a theory of group process in CPE in her book *Inside the Circle*. In that work, as she looked to the future, she introduced CPE to Systems Centered Training (SCT). In her subsequent work she highlighted the method of functional sub-grouping in SCT as an effective alternative to "getting stuck in the hot seat" dynamic. *Expanding the Circle* contains contributions from Joan's colleagues in CPE, former students, and her own mentors in SCT. These contributions touch on themes such as the importance of apology, personal story telling, relational wisdom, and spiritual growth. The book will be stimulating reading for all CPE Supervisors and essential reading for the next generation training in supervision.

*Graeme Gibbons  
Pastoral psychotherapist and pastoral supervisor (retired)*

This is a truly significant collection of work that reflects Joan Hemenway's spirit of curiosity, exploration and discovery. Her search for a conceptual framework that would support the richness of difference and the process of discovery in the company of others was an important motivation for the work of her life. Her goal was to understand more deeply the development of the individual, the pastoral relationship, the CPE process group, CPE organizational and educational teams, and collaboration across disciplines, programs, denominations and cultures. The essays exploring Systems-Centered theory and methods in this volume contribute significantly to the development of new ideas and practice in CPE group work.

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