

Supporting and nourishing one another, that we might better support and nourish those we serve.

The Association of Mormon Counselors and Psychotherapists (AMCAP) is a non-profit organization that provides education, professional development and interaction for mental health professionals who adhere to the principles and standards of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS) in both their personal life and professional practice. AMCAP is managed by its members, for its members. Founded in 1975, AMCAP has grown into an international organization with members in many countries. Members of AMCAP are a vital group, offering one another support and collegiality while demonstrating the effectiveness of principle centered therapy.

What is the purpose of AMCAP?

AMCAP strives to promote spiritual and professional excellence consistent with gospel principles. AMCAP provides a forum for LDS professionals to fellowship, communicate, and collaborate among LDS professionals. AMCAP encourages members to teach and promote models, theories, therapeutic practices, and research that meet professional and Church standards. AMCAP members are willing to declare their commitment to the principles and standards of the Church in their personal and professional practices, and adhere to the ethical standards of their respective professions.

What professions are included in AMCAP?

AMCAP professional membership is available to those who have completed formal education and achieved licensing credentials (or equivalents) in a recognized mental health profession. Other professionals such as nurses, attorneys, and educators also find benefit from membership in AMCAP. Students in any of the above professions are also welcome to join AMCAP.

How Can I benefit from AMCAP Membership?

CONVENTIONS

Semiannually AMCAP members convene in Salt Lake City for a two or three day convention. Speakers include Church leaders, guest presenters, AMCAP members, and General Authorities. Conventions offer training, research findings, innovative treatment practices, and multi-disciplinary presentations at the intersection of human sciences and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Continuing Education hours are offered for most disciplines. The convention also serves as a biennial reunion for members.

PUBLICATIONS

JOURNAL: All Members receive the AMCAP Journal entitled "Issues in Religion and Psychotherapy." This journal contains articles reflecting the research and writing of AMCAP members and guest writers, other features of interest to members, and reports of convention presentations.

THE AMCAP NETWORKER: The Networker is a publication that keeps members informed of AMCAP initiatives, messages from the board, articles by AMCAP members, highlights from the worldwide area coordinator network, and a variety of other useful information.

CONVENTION BULLETIN: The Bulletin provides information about the conventions along with registration and membership renewal forms.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY: Published every three years, the Directory provides identifying contact information and speciality for LDS professionals throughout the world.

WEBSITE: AMCAP members have full access to www.amcap.net. Features on the website include: the Membership Directory, order information for CD's of most conference presentations*, journal articles, upcoming conference information and an on-line forum for clinical or research questions and a means to network with other AMCAP members.

* Members may purchase recordings of most convention speakers at a discount rate.

What if I am located outside of Utah?

Local chapters of AMCAP are organized in many locations throughout the world. Area coordinators organize activities on the local level and communicate members' needs and concerns to the Governing Board. Local AMCAP chapters meet to promote fellowship and facilitate collaboration among LDS professionals in pursuit of mutual interests.

How can students benefit?

AMCAP makes a special effort to recruit students and offers them the opportunity to implement a spiritual dimension into their professional training. Students become AMCAP members and attend conventions at reduced rates. Like professional members, they are eligible to vote, hold office, and may contribute to convention presentations and to AMCAP publications.

What Are the Membership Categories?

- 1) Professional Membership- requires professional training and membership in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
- 2) Student Membership: LDS members currently involved in a formal program of professional training in mental health counseling.
- 3) Associate Membership- requires support of the purposes of the association, but not church membership or professional involvement in counseling or psychotherapy. May not vote or hold office.

We serve Christ by serving our brothers and sisters in need