

LCLI UPDATE 2018-SEPT

'See2See,' BFG, & a new Fellow

"See2See"

On Sunday afternoon, November 11, a humble Winnebago will pull away from parking lot of the American Public Health Association meeting in San Diego and head for Loma Linda University—then over to Phoenix, Tucson, El Paso, La Cruz, Carlsbad, Lubbock, Abilene, Dallas, Floyd, Tyler, Shreveport, Little Rock, Mound Bayou, Memphis, Nashville, Chattanooga, Cherokee, Asheville, Winston-Salem, Raleigh—and, just to touch the water, Wilmington or Greenville.

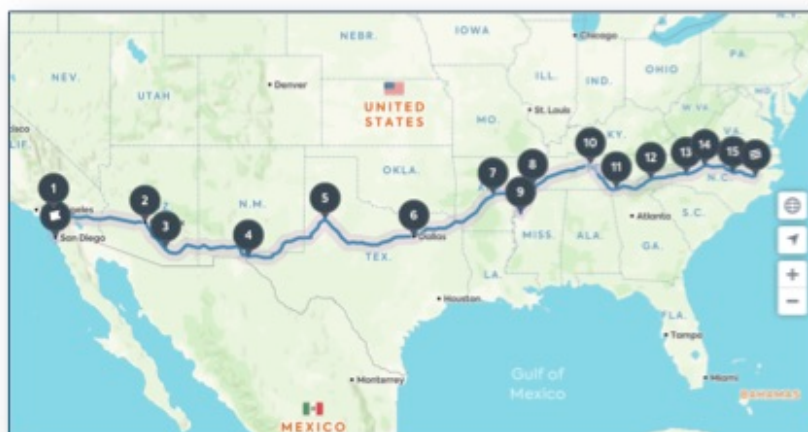
The premise: What if everything you hoped for was already happening? Right there in the open for all the world to see. Wouldn't you go look? And what would you want to see? I want to see the opposite of the pervasive fear, friction and disconnection that is literally sucking the very life out of us.

To see that, you have look away from your glowing screen and go look at what is actually happening. So that's what we are going to do. A Winnebago helps.

The idea started around the kabuki dance of the grant-writing model of social change that forces us to pretend that: a) nothing is happening, b) but the world would change, c) in three years, d) with two national meetings, e) a website, f) a book, g) and technical assistance to a group of otherwise hopeless people, h) who will become exemplars, i) to be replicated everywhere. I've written those grants, but blurted out: "If I got in a Winnebago in Wilmington, North Carolina, I could stop every hour all the way to Venice Beach on the other ocean and show you something amazing that's already happening. We have to stop starting things, and finish growing what is already alive."

Four themes frame our curiosity:

- **Community as healer**, across many roles that individuals play. It's quite an ecology, and there will be powerful stories to tell.
- **Community as one people**. Focused on equity and after a bruising political season, we will look to see communities that are finding ways to include everyone in practical ways to make lives healthier.
- **Community-scale collaboration** among healthcare, public health and community health assets, looking for the creative work that goes way beyond our standard expectations and measures, lifted by the convergence of local leadership finding their purpose and possibilities.
- **Communities of Spirit**. We will be looking for those leading inspired by the possibilities of mercy and justice, moved by creative and hopeful energy and intelligence.



The provisionl planned route for the See2See road trip.

So off we go, starting with the annual gathering of *100 Million Healthier Lives*, which is meeting the same weekend as APHA, both kicking off a wave of events all around the nation focused on health equity.

The road trip is sponsored by Stakeholder Health, and is a part of the *Pathways to Population Health (P2PH)* initiative sponsored by IHI's *100 Million Healthier Lives*. Others are helping find our way: Tyler Norris and his *Well Being Trust*, Bobby Milstein of *ReThink Health*, Kevin Barnett's

expansive vision from the *Public Health Institute*, Leslie Mikkelsen with *Prevention Institute*, plus many of the minds of the *National Academies of Science Roundtable on Population Health*.

Really, though, it's not about Stakeholder Health or any of these national lights. Rather, it's about the witnesses of hope much closer to the ground.

It is said that there are two wolves within us constantly competing for our lives, one of fear and one of hope. The one that wins, is the one you feed. The See2See Road Trip is a moveable feast for the fiercely hopeful wolf within us.

The main point is seeing and listening. We don't need a crowd for that, we need the kind of conversation that isn't distorted by a microphone and an audience of strangers. Beyond the inspiration, we expect to learn a great deal about how people like you and me are investing their time, credibility and energy in practical work advancing health, mercy and justice in their community.

[Extracted from notes by Gary Gunderson @ <https://stakeholderhealth.org/road-trip>]

Barefoot Guide on 'generative leadership'

This LCLI Fellows' project is on track. The Cape Town based editorial team meets for 3 days at the end of October to finalize the outline of the chapters of what will become the *Barefoot Guide on Generative Leadership*. The full international editorial team meets for 5 days, also in Cape Town, in January, to finalize the preparation and publication of the book. Like all Barefoot Guides it will be illustrated as well.

It's working title is *A River Runs Through It*, taking off from Roger Ebert's commentary on Norman Mclean's well-known book and film (substitute your own understanding for 'God'):

"If you can learn ... to read the river and the fish and yourself, and to do what needs to be done without one wasted motion, you will have attained some of the grace and economy needed to live a good life. If you can do it and understand that the river, the fish and the whole world are God's gifts to use wisely, you will have gone the rest of the way. ... [You will learn] how to behave no matter what life brings; about how to wade into the unpredictable stream and deal with whatever happens with grace, courage and honesty."

And here's a foretaste of our working chapter headings using the 'river' theme:

- CH 1: WHERE IS THE RIVER? Seeing the Life (beyond the limits of our standard boundaries)
- CH 2: THE RIVER'S JOURNEY: Re-authoring the World (active agency for the sake of the whole)
- CH 3: RIDING THE RIVER: Practices of Negotiating Turbulence (adaptive innovation)
- CH 4: DIVING BELOW: Circling the Mysteries of the Hidden Depths (culturing generative leadership)
- CH 5: CONFLUENCE: Four Dimensions of a Leader's Being (holding open space and people)
- CH 6: FLOWING FORWARD: Possibility above Actuality (Maya Angelou: "Still I Rise")

New LCLI Fellow



Tor S. Haugstad

Joining us from Norway, Tor Haugstad is a leading neurologist who has had a long personal association with those of us who have been working on "religious health assets" in Africa and the USA, and the Leading Causes of Life Initiative. We welcome him into the fellowship.

Tor was born in India, where he spent his childhood and youth as son of medical missionary Edel Busch Haugstad and Reverend Magnus Haugstad. Married to Gro, a Professor of Physiotherapy, and father of three children with four grandchildren, he is currently Chief Consultant, MD (Oslo, 1977), PhD (Oslo, 1996) and Neurology specialist (Board certified, Norway, 1994) at the Sunnaas Rehabilitation Hospital, Norway. He has served on a number of boards nationally and internationally in relation to Health and Human Rights, Medical Missions, and the Healing Ministry of the Church of Norway, and has published in the area of

Medical Philosophy, the Healing Ministry of the Church, the Hereditary Ataxias, Mechanisms of Amino Acid Transport in the Mammalian Brain, and Mechanisms and Treatment Options for Longstanding Pain. He chairs a Department for Rehabilitation of Traumatic Brain Injury, as well as Programmes for Health and Human Rights and for Religious Health Assets in Norway. Having spent much of his professional life combating diseases and helping people regain function after serious injuries, he knows there is much more to life and health than fighting the causes of death. Life, immensely richer and more important than the absence of death, requires in his view a generative spirit that both transcends and permeates the physical universe, embracing all humans with love and instigating hope even in the face of death.
