

## A Year of Conversation on the Future of Practical and Professional Ethics

### An Invitation to Participate

#### The Association for Practical and Professional Ethics 25th Anniversary in 2016

This year at the Association's International Conference in Costa Mesa, California, the Executive Board announced plans for "A Year of Conversation on the Future of Practical and Professional Ethics." In 1991, when the APPE was founded, the work of scholars, educators, and professionals in many disciplines of practical ethics and professional ethics were beginning to emerge. Ethics Centers at colleges and universities were actively engaged in study and research on issues of practical ethics and professional ethics. Businesses and government agencies responded to fraud and misconduct cases by requiring ethics training for employees and grant recipients.

The work in practical ethics and professional ethics over the past 24 years has grown and matured significantly. Academic institutions have chairs and center directors in practical and professional ethics. Businesses, large and small, have ongoing ethics training programs led by skilled corporate ethics officers. Professional associations have developed and expanded ethical codes and enforcement measures to increase public confidence in licensed specialists. And, state and federal governments have created ethics agencies and commissions to set standards of conduct for civil servants at all levels.

#### What will the next 25 years bring?

During 2015-2016, the Association is launching a series of conversations, seminars and workshops to discuss the development of practical and professional ethics and explore future challenges and opportunities. The Association invites members and friends to host these conversations at academic institutions, businesses, professional societies, conferences, government agencies and in community forums, with the aim of contributing to a collection of information that can help shape future educational and professional development.

Please see the following suggested guidelines for organizing a single event or a series of conversations. Sample topics and questions for consideration are also available from the Association. The results will be compiled and shared at the 25th Anniversary Conference of the Association in Washington, D.C. Thursday, February 18 through Sunday, February 21, 2016.

For further details about how you and your institution can be part of the "Year of Conversation on the Future of Practical and Professional Ethics" or to get copies of the suggested guidelines and sample topics, please contact:

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