THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
Regents Communication  

ACTION REQUEST  

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement  
Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir  

Ricardo R. Bartelme, M.D., clinical assistant professor of family medicine in the Medical School, will retire from active faculty status on June 30, 2017.  

Dr. Bartelme received his B.A. (1975) and M.D. (1981) degrees from the University of Michigan. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as a clinical instructor in 1991, and was promoted to clinical assistant professor in 1998.  

While at the University of Michigan Medical School, he became familiar with anthroposophic medicine during a summer course in 1979. Since that time he has been interested in studying and learning more about this unique form of complementary and integrative medicine. Dr. Bartelme completed his family medicine residency in 1984 at the University of California, San Diego and subsequently worked for two years as a staff family physician in the Scripps Clinic Rancho San Diego office in La Mesa, California. In 1986, he entered the Maryknoll Lay Missioner Program and was assigned to Bolivia in the Saavedra parish for three years. After the first year, he became the medical director of the parish health care team. Dr. Bartelme joined the faculty in the UM Department of Family Medicine in September 1991. All along Dr. Bartelme continued his research in anthroposophic medicine (AM), including an English Language Seminar in AM in Arlesheim, Switzerland in 1995. In 2003, he participated in the Integrative Medicine Wellness Center, providing integrative and anthroposophical medical care to patients at the Briarwood Family Medicine Clinic. In 2008, he began the Integrative Family Medicine Cancer Clinic for cancer patients wanting integrative cancer care and support. Dr. Bartelme was actively involved in teaching medical students and fellows the full range of family medicine, including integrative medicine.  

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member, academic leader, and scholar for his dedicated service by naming Ricardo R. Bartelme, clinical assistant professor emeritus of family medicine.  

Requested by:  

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