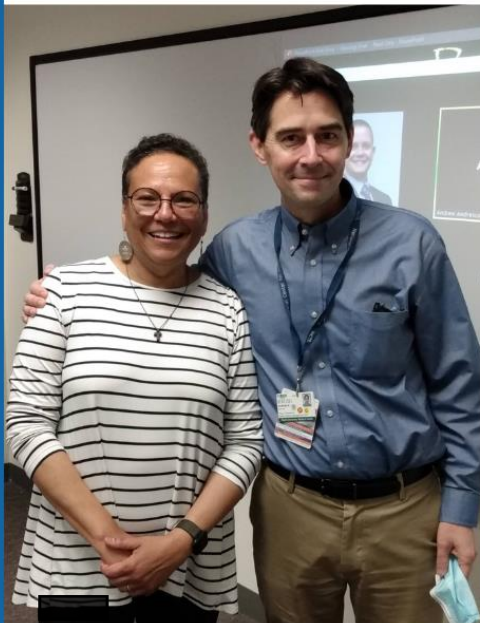


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Vision

We envision a future when chaplaincy is formed, informed,
and transformed by evidence-based practice

Mission

The mission of Transforming Chaplaincy is to promote evidence-based spiritual care and integrate research into professional practice and education by fostering a culture of inquiry



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Cover photos: Transforming Chaplaincy Management Certificate Capstone, May, 2022

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Introduction

Such amazing times. Amid flux and conflict, chaplains are continually distinguishing themselves as menders, comforters, and leaders. The chaplain's constitution ensures stillness in the storm, light in the darkness and hope in despair. What makes this possible? It's rigorously engaged insight that ensures the chaplain's work has relevant impact.

Since 2015 Transforming Chaplaincy (TC) has been promoting evidence-based spiritual care and working to integrate research into professional practice and education by fostering a culture of inquiry.

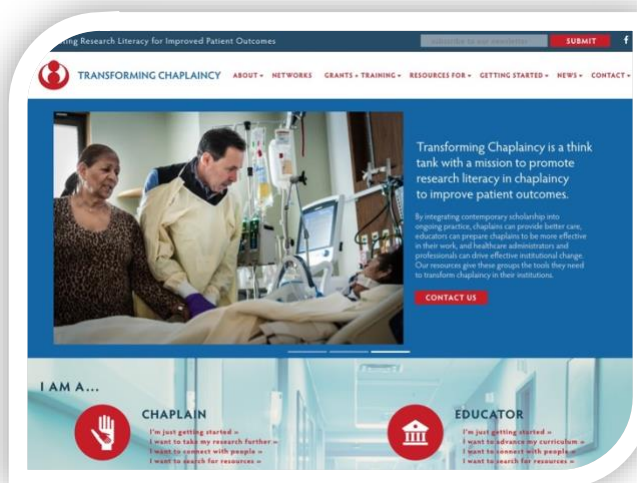
TC is driven by the belief that “by integrating contemporary scholarship into ongoing practice, chaplains can provide better care, educators can prepare chaplains to be more effective in their work, and health care administrators and professionals can drive effective institutional change.”

While this Annual Report tells the story of TC's most recent accomplishments and activities, its most important function is as an invitation to you. We hope that you see in the report resources available to you that can inform and improve care and education.

We hope this report prompts you to consider joining or starting a research project that adds to the growing catalogue of resources chaplains use to improve care. We hope this report is an invitation to connect with others doing research so the web of inquirers and researchers grows and strengthens. We hope this report creates and stimulates your curiosity for what is possible.

TransformingChaplaincy.org is filled with very practical resources for both new and tenured chaplains, educators, administrators, and researchers.

Take a curiosity tour or when you need something specific related to chaplaincy research – search for it there. If you don't find



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what you need, let's talk because it's likely a topic that needs inquiry.

Here's one of TC's most amazing facets...it's free. TC doesn't charge dues and the 21 webinars this year were all free to chaplains, educators and interested inquirers because of the generosity of our partners. These partners are listed on page 30.

If you have a connection to a partner, please let them know how TC has informed and helped you and thank them for their support. And of course you know this is coming, would you consider becoming a supporter of chaplaincy excellence through research?

Everyone is needed and everything helps. Please contact Andrew Andresco, Transforming Chaplaincy's Project Coordinator at andrew_w_andresco@rush.edu to make a tax-deductible donation.

Finally, the good news, bad news paragraph.

First, the bad news. George Fitchett is stepping down as the Director of Transforming Chaplaincy in January 2023.

Those of us connected to chaplaincy know and appreciate how George has elevated, established, and integrated the research agenda throughout the profession. He has no contemporary and his contributions are enduring. In the coming months more will be said; for now, I hope you'll join with so many others to share your appreciation and congratulations to George.



And now the good news – Csaba Szilagyi will begin as TC's Executive Director next year! The Advisory Board is excited about the exciting future as Csaba leads us into TC's next chapter. See page 8 for Csaba's introduction.

Blessing, peace and gratitude to you,

Ron Oliver, PhD, MBA, BCC
Chair, Advisory Board



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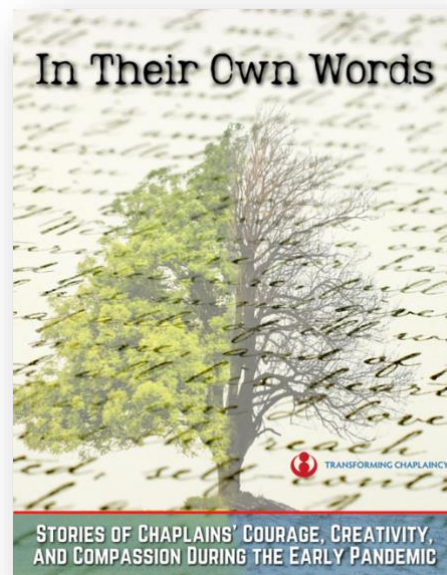
I knew we were keeping busy in FY22 but compiling this report has made me aware of just how hard we worked and how much we accomplished. In the following pages we have summarized those accomplishments. They include: the development of two new research networks, the Elder Care Research Network and the Psychedelic Care Research Network, our online research courses, our webinars, and the second cohort of the Certificate in Spiritual Care Management and Leadership. FY22 also saw the publication of the first book in the Transforming Chaplaincy book series and the publication of our first eBook.

This report features the spiritual care-associated research that was underway or recently completed. In FY22 Transforming Chaplaincy and the people who are affiliated with us were involved in over 30 research projects. These included projects describing spiritual care services in the 20 Best Hospitals in the U.S., in nursing homes, and in small and critical access hospitals. The research also described telechaplancy and spiritual care for healthcare colleagues. In addition, several projects tested interventions to improve quality of life and other outcomes for oncology patients and patients with Parkinson's Disease.

How did we support all this research? Some projects depend on contributed time from those involved in them. Other projects, such as the study mapping the issues in faith group endorsement for chaplains, were funded by grants from organizations like APC and ACPE. However, support from our partners played a key role in funding many of our research projects.

Ascension was our first partner; their support and partnership with their researchers, especially Beth Muehlhausen and Allison DeLaney, were very important for many of our FY22 research activities. This year we welcomed two new partners, Providence St. Joseph and IU Health. Their partnerships have been essential in helping us expand our research and continue our educational programs.

Thirty research projects may seem like a lot, but there are many additional questions where research is needed. These include questions about the impact associated with spiritual care in general and in specific clinical contexts.



Andy Andresco, Project Coordinator and Allison DeLaney, former Transforming Chaplaincy Research Fellow



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We also need research that examines the religious/spiritual concerns and the effects of spiritual care for specific groups, including people from diverse religious traditions, and those with no religious affiliation, as well as racial and ethnic minority groups.

We look forward to developing new partners who will help us advance research in these important areas. We also welcome introductions to donors who may be excited about the opportunity to support this work.

Another very exciting part of FY22 was having two of the Transforming Chaplaincy Research Fellows, Kelsey White and Kristin Golden, complete their PhD degrees. Not very long ago, spiritual care research was the work of a few individual pioneers; Larry VandeCreek comes to mind.

A few years ago, when 17 Transforming Chaplaincy Fellows completed their master's degrees in research, we began to change that. As more of our former Fellows, and others, seek advanced training in research, chaplaincy-researchers have taken an important place in our profession. This is one of the most exciting ways in which, working together, we are Transforming Chaplaincy.



Kristin Golden (center) at her PhD defense

FY22 has been an exciting and productive time for Transforming Chaplaincy. I want to express deep gratitude for all the people, whose names you will find in the following pages, who played an important role in making this happen. This includes the members of our Advisory Committee, our Research Network Conveners, the instructors for our educational programs, and all our research partners. I want to express my special gratitude to Andy Andresco, our Project Coordinator. All of you who have worked us know that none of this would happen without Andy's patient, gracious and diligent work. Thanks so much Andy!

George Fitchett, Director



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Transforming Chaplaincy Announces Csaba Szilagyi is New Director

Transforming Chaplaincy is very pleased to announce that Csaba Szilagyi, MDiv, MLA, MS, ACPE, FACHE, will be its new Director. Csaba will be Assistant Professor and Director of Research in the Department of Religion, Health, and Human Values at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago. In that role he will also be the new Director of Transforming Chaplaincy. He will begin his new role on January 23, 2023.

Csaba joins Transforming Chaplaincy after serving as the Director of the Spiritual Care and Chaplaincy Department at Johns Hopkins Medicine Howard County General Hospital and CPE Faculty at Johns Hopkins Medicine Academic Division.

Csaba earned graduate degrees in Management, Education, and Divinity from Harvard University, Johns Hopkins University, and Karoli Gaspar University respectively. He is a Ph.D. candidate at KU Leuven and pursuing dissertation research investigating chaplains' collaborative and leadership roles in interprofessional healthcare teams. Csaba is an ACPE Certified Educator and Board-Certified in Healthcare Management as a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives (FACHE). He is the Chair-Elect of the ACPE Research Committee.

Before Johns Hopkins, Csaba served as the Manager of Spiritual Care and Chaplaincy and ACPE Certified Educator at Riley Hospital for Children at Indiana University Health (Indianapolis, IN) and the Manager of Bereavement Services – overseeing spiritual, psychosocial and bereavement care – and a hospice Chaplain at VITAS Healthcare (Boynton Beach, FL). He completed CPE residencies at Northside Hospital and Saint Joseph's Hospital (Atlanta, GA).



Over the years, Csaba has been involved with various research literacy education efforts, most recently creating Transforming Chaplaincy's online research literacy course designed for CPE students. He is a co-author of a forthcoming report on how spiritual care leaders addressed racial reckoning in their departments and organizations. He is a co-investigator for a study exploring chaplains' experiences and involvement with healthcare institutions' COVID-19 vaccine exemption processes.

Both projects are supported by Transforming Chaplaincy. As a Principal Investigator, he led two nationwide studies regarding Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) funded by the Foundation for ACPE: one to examine the impact of COVID-19 on CPE and another to investigate changes in Emotional Intelligence associated with CPE.

Csaba was born and raised in Hungary, where he completed his seminary education. He is married to Leah, who is a Registered Nurse. They and their toddler look forward to exploring Chicago and making it their home.

Csaba highlighted,



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“I am humbled and thrilled to lead Transforming Chaplaincy and research efforts at Rush University Medical Center. It is such a unique opportunity to advance evidence-based spiritual care, a shared work greater than any one person or organization. Transforming Chaplaincy’s strengths lie in cultivating relationships and partnerships and developing people and programs. Connections with persons sharing Transforming Chaplaincy’s vision have been enlivening and transformational for me over the years. It has taught me that fostering a community of inquiry is at the heart of research and evidence-based practice.”

Regarding Csaba’s appointment, George Fitchett, the current Director of Transforming Chaplaincy, said, *“The importance of an evidence-based approach to spiritual care continues to grow, as does the interest in this work. Csaba has a rich background in spiritual care, spiritual care education, and spiritual care research. He is an experienced leader with a strong commitment to advancing spiritual care research and research literacy. I am looking forward to the next stage of growth in our work under his leadership.”*

After Csaba begins his new role, George Fitchett will continue to be involved as Transforming Chaplaincy’s Senior Advisor. He will provide support to Csaba and be involved in a number of Transforming Chaplaincy’s research projects.



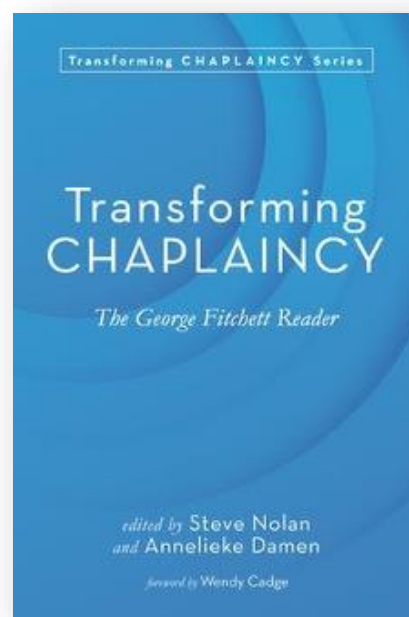
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Highlights Transforming Chaplaincy FY22

FY22 was a very successful year for Transforming Chaplaincy. Here is a list of key accomplishments. Our Annual Report provides further details about our work in FY22.

- ✓ 2 new partners: Providence St. Joseph and IU Health
- ✓ 2 new research networks: Elder Care Research Network and Psychedelic Care Research Network
- ✓ 2 former fellows earn PhD degrees: Kelsey White, PhD and Kristin Golden, PhD
- ✓ 27 participants in the Certificate in Spiritual Care Management and Leadership
- ✓ 105 participants in online research literacy courses
- ✓ 2 publishing milestones
 - First book in the Transforming Chaplaincy book series published, *Transforming Chaplaincy: The George Fitchett Reader* (Nolan and Damen, Eds)
 - First eBook published: *In Their Own Words: Stories of Chaplains' Courage, Creativity, and Compassion During the Early Pandemic* (Desjardins and Redl, Eds).
- ✓ 16 peer-reviewed and other publications
- ✓ 33 research projects underway
- ✓ 2,000 participants in one of 9 Research Networks
- ✓ 3,000 attended 21 webinars
 - 1140 attended one of 5 Spiritual Care Week webinars
 - 4,500 views of 10 most popular webinars on YouTube channel
- ✓ 2,119 newsletter subscribers, 48,000 website pageview, and 865 Twitter followers



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Transforming Chaplaincy Development in FY22

In the past twelve months Transforming Chaplaincy was pleased to welcome two new partners. Providence St Joseph Health and IU Health. Transforming Chaplaincy's partners provide essential support for all our research and educational efforts. In addition, our partners receive discounts for our educational activities, consultation for their spiritual care research, and opportunities to participate in other Transforming Chaplaincy research activities.



Providence St. Joseph Partnership

Providence St. Joseph Health is pleased to continue the partnership with Transforming Chaplaincy. Through this sponsorship, several Providence caregivers are engaged in the high quality and impactful programs offered by Transforming Chaplaincy.

Providence is proud of the five board certified chaplains who were in the FY 2022 cohort for the Transforming Chaplaincy/Rush University Certificate in Spiritual Care Management and Leadership. They shared their Applied Learning Projects with the Providence community and established meaningful and collaborative relationships with other chaplains throughout the nation.



Providence St. Joseph chaplains at Management Certificate Capstone

Responding to the partnership, Theresa Vithayathil Edmonson, Vice President, Spiritual Health at Providence said, "As a part of the sponsorship, Providence has had several chaplains participate in the research literacy programs (virtual and in-person) as well.



Theresa Vithayathil Edmonson

Providence looks forward to working with Transforming Chaplaincy to further the research and collaborate on evidence-based practices to improve the provision of professional spiritual health services in healthcare."

Providence is a national, not-for-profit Catholic health system driven by a Mission to serve all, especially those who are poor and vulnerable. With 52 hospitals, over 1,000 physician clinics, senior services, supportive housing, and many other health and educational services, the health system and its partners employ more than 120,000 caregivers serving communities across seven states – Alaska, California, Montana, New Mexico, Oregon, Texas, and Washington.



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IU Health Partnership

In FY22 Transforming Chaplaincy formed a 5-year partnership with IU Health. The partnership builds on a relationship between Transforming Chaplaincy and IU Health that includes collaboration with IU Health physician-researcher Dr. Alexia Torke and colleagues on research about spiritual care in the MICU. Dr. Torke is also a member of the Transforming Chaplaincy Advisory Committee. Former Transforming Chaplaincy Fellow Shelley Varner-Perez is a chaplain-researcher at IU Health.

Shelley has been an instructor for Transforming Chaplaincy's RL 102 course and a co-leader of the Transforming Chaplaincy/APC Webinar Journal Club. Dr. Torke said, "The Transforming Chaplaincy partnership has provided fantastic opportunities for our chaplains to learn and develop, both for implementing high quality research in their spiritual care work and conducting their own research. We are grateful to be connected with the national network of researchers that Transforming Chaplaincy provides."



Alexia Torke



Shelley Varner-Perez

IU Health is among the top ten largest single-state nonprofit health systems in the United States. Through its 16 hospitals (a mix of urban, suburban and rural facilities), IU Health offers a full range of specialty and primary care services for children and adults.

Statewide, IU Health has more than 2,600 staffed beds, \$6.23 billion in net total operating revenue, and strategic service lines including cancer, cardiovascular, neuroscience, orthopedics, pediatrics and transplant, that have received national recognition for quality patient care over the decades. IU Health has over 34,000 team members.



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Former Transforming Chaplaincy Fellows Complete PhDs

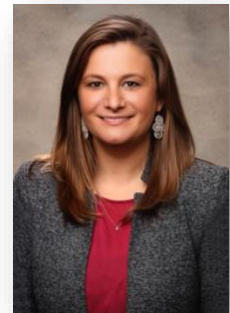
With grants from the John Templeton Foundation, the first phase of Transforming Chaplaincy supported 17 Fellows who completed MPH and other master's degrees in research. In the past 12 months two of the Fellows have completed PhD degrees. Two other Fellows are beginning their PhD dissertation research. Four other Fellows will begin PhD programs in the Fall, 2022. We are very excited about the contribution these former Fellows are making to spiritual care research and about the contributions they will be making in the future.

Kelsey White, PhD

On November 12, 2021, Kelsey White successfully defended her PhD dissertation. Her topic was "Hospital-based Professional Spiritual Care: Evaluating the Utilization, Availability, & Impact of Chaplains." Kelsey's degree comes from the Department of Health Management and System Sciences, School of Public Health and Information Sciences, University of Louisville.

Kelsey's dissertation expanded current evidence about who receives chaplains' care within hospitals, what enables a hospital to provide the service, and chaplains' impact on hospital satisfaction. Her first project showed that religiously affiliated adults and the sickest are those most likely to utilize a chaplain. Her second project found that hospital-specific characteristics influence the provision of spiritual care more than environmental resources.

The analysis of a small subsample of hospitals from the past 10 years suggested that potentially more hospitals are gaining departments than losing them. Her third project examined the impact chaplains have on hospital performance as measured by patient satisfaction scores.



Kelsey White, PhD



Kelsey White (front row, third from left) at her PhD defense

While controlling for organizational and environmental characteristics associated with patient satisfaction and stratifying the analyses by hospital size, she found that medium sized hospitals (150 to 399 staffed beds) with chaplaincy departments have approximately 2% more respondents that rate their overall experience a 9 or 10, and 3% more respondents who would definitely recommend the hospital.



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Kristin Golden, PhD

On April 4, 2022, Kristin Golden (formerly Kristin Godlin) successfully defended her PhD dissertation. The topic of her dissertation was “Coping with Intimate Partner Violence: Does It Matter What Women Think About Forgiveness?” Kristin earned her PhD from the Department of Kinesiology and Community Health, College of Allied Health Sciences, University of Illinois Urbana Champaign.

Kristin’s study examined the relationships between forgiveness, beliefs about forgiveness, motivations for forgiveness, and four health outcomes in 154 female survivors of intimate partner violence. She found that among women who had been separated from their partners for a year or less, the practice of forgiveness was associated with intention to return to abusive partners.

However, one belief about forgiveness was protective. Women who believed it was possible to forgive their partner and still avoid (or not want to see) them, were less likely to return to abusive partners than those who did not hold this belief. When women’s motivations for forgiveness were considered, several patterns emerged.

Among the women who indicated they had largely forgiven their partners, not one woman forgave simply for the sake of their partner. Not one woman forgave simply for the sake of a relationship. In contrast, nearly two thirds of the women forgave for the sake of themselves or themselves and God/religious reasons.



Kristin Golden (center) at her PhD defense



Kristin Golden, PhD



Research Highlights FY22

Research is one of the core activities of Transforming Chaplaincy. In FY22 Transforming Chaplaincy and people affiliated with us have been involved in over 30 research projects. A complete list of those projects appears on the following pages. Below we have highlighted four of them. These research activities have led to 13 peer-reviewed publications, 3 book chapters and other publications. These publications address spiritual care in the Covid-19 pandemic, spiritual care in palliative care, spiritual care leadership, utilization of spiritual care services, and telechaplancy, among other topics. A complete list of these publications can be found in the Appendices.

FY22 also saw the publication of the first book in the Transforming Chaplaincy book series, *Transforming Chaplaincy: The George Fitchett Reader* (Steve Nolan and Annelieke Damen, Eds, Wipf & Stock Publishers, 2021). The Series editors are George Fitchett, Cheryl Holmes, Steve Nolan, and Anne Vandenhoeck. Two additional books are being developed for the Series. Proposals for books in the Series are welcome. In FY22 we also published our first eBook: *In Their Own Words: Stories of Chaplains' Courage, Creativity, and Compassion During the Early Pandemic* (Desjardins and Redl, Eds).

Describing Spiritual Care Service Activities at 20 US News and World Report Honor Roll Hospitals

Alexander Tartaglia and colleagues

Supported by a grant from the College of Health Sciences, Rush University Medical Center

Lex Tartaglia and colleagues completed their interviews with the spiritual care managers of the 20 Honor Roll Hospitals (*US News and World Report*, 2020-21).

Two manuscripts from the project are under review. Key findings include the variations in the scope of services provided by these 20 programs and the staffing levels associated with the services that are provided. Among these hospitals the team found higher levels of spiritual care staffing per 100 beds compared to earlier studies by VandeCreek (2001) and Flannelly (2004). In addition, the team found that staff support was identified as a very important chaplaincy function at both organizational and spiritual care department levels. Staff chaplains at more than half of the departments spend an estimated 10-30% of their time on staff care, with chaplains in 5 departments spend greater than 30%.

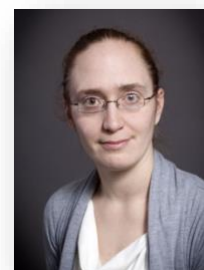


Mapping the Issues in Faith Group Endorsement for Chaplain and Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Educator Certification

Nina Redl and colleagues

Supported by grants from APC and ACPE

Nina Redl and colleagues completed focus groups with 80 participants who represent important stakeholders around the issue of faith group endorsement. These include APC and ACPE leaders, endorsing agents, chaplains and educators who had no problems obtaining their endorsement, and chaplains who experienced barriers in obtaining endorsement. Analysis of the focus group transcripts is



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underway. Several key themes are emerging. These include the belief that faith group endorsement provides an important source of accountability for spiritual care providers. In addition, many participants believe there currently are serious inequities in who can obtain faith group endorsement and what it takes for them to do so. These inequities undermine the value of faith group endorsement for the profession. In the coming months the team will complete their analysis and present a report of the findings to leaders in APC and ACPE.

Spiritual Care Department Directors' Response to Racial Reckoning in 2020 and 2021

Beth Muehlhausen and colleagues

Supported by Ascension and Transforming Chaplaincy

In the Spring of 2020, several months after the start of the Covid-19 pandemic., Ascension and Transforming Chaplaincy conducted interviews with 22 leaders of spiritual programs. Second interviews were conducted in the early summer after the murder of George Floyd and two additional rounds of interviews were conducted over the next 6 months. Beth Muehlhausen and colleagues analyzed the transcripts of the interviews focusing on what the leaders reported about their role in addressing issues of racism that came to public attention in those months associated with both the pandemic and George Floyd's murder. Themes they observed included the leaders' efforts to foster a sense of safety among their spiritual care staff and organizations' employees and their support for efforts to foster greater justice and equity in their spiritual care programs and organizations. The team is finishing their analysis and will be submitting a manuscript for publication in the coming months.



Mapping Spiritual Care in CommonSpirit Small and Critical Access Hospitals

Kristen Schenk and colleagues

Supported by a grant from CommonSpirit Health

Small and critical access hospitals fill an important role in providing healthcare for people who live in small towns and rural areas of the U.S. Through its small and critical access hospitals, CommonSpirit Health has made an important commitment to healthcare for this segment of the population. Little is known about the spiritual care services provided in small and critical access hospitals in the U.S. This gap makes it difficult to evaluate the quality of spiritual care currently being provided in these hospitals. Thus, the aim of this project is to map spiritual care services in CommonSpirit's small and critical access hospitals. In FY22 the team conducted interviews with 19 spiritual care leaders in CommonSpirit's small and critical access hospitals. Findings from the study are being compiled and a report will be prepared in the coming months.



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Transforming Chaplaincy Research Activities FY22

Topic	Project, Leader, Funding	Description	Status
Chaplain Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CPE and Emotional Intelligence Csaba Szilagyi ACPE Foundation 	Study of changes in emotional intelligence and counseling self-efficacy in CPE students, both single unit interns and yr-long residents. Data collection began Fall 2020; 30 centers recruited, 160 students completed baseline survey, includes surveys as well as qualitative interviews	Data collection completed Analysis completed Preparation of reports underway
Chaplaincy Practice - Documentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interprofessional Preferences for Inpatient Palliative Chaplain Spiritual Assessment Documentation Paul Galchutt APC grant 	Study palliative care professionals' views about chaplain spiritual assessment documentation, focus groups at 4 academic medical centers	Data collection complete Analysis complete Poster accepted for 2023 AAHPM meeting
Chaplaincy Practice – Documentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chaplain Documentation in Palliative Care: What Healthcare Colleagues Say Dirk Labuschagne 	Survey of palliative care professionals' views about chaplain documentation before initiation of PC 7 spiritual assessment	Data collection complete Analysis complete Mss in preparation
Chaplaincy Practice – Documentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HCP views of chaplain documentation Karen Terry and colleagues 	Survey of HCP views about chaplain documentation	Project planning underway
Chaplaincy Practice - Screening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Screening for Religious/Spiritual Concerns in Cancer Patients George Fitchett Rush University Medical Center 	Test 6 different models for screening for spiritual distress against gold standard of chaplain spiritual assessment interview in oncology outpatient setting	Data collection complete Data analysis completed Mss in preparation
Chaplain Practice - Spiritual Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PC 7 Spiritual Assessment Studies George Fitchett, Dirk Labuschagne Rush University Medical Center 	<p>Describe the validity and reliability of the PC 7, multi-site project</p> <hr/> <p>Use PC 7 to describe the prevalence and correlates of unmet spiritual concerns in patients receiving palliative care, 2 academic medical centers</p>	<p>Data collection underway, 80 of 100 projected cases completed</p> <hr/> <p>Data collection complete Preliminary analysis complete</p>



Topic	Project, Leader, Funding	Description	Status
Chaplaincy Practice - Telechaplaincy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chaplains and Telechaplaincy: Best Practices, Strengths, Weaknesses – A National Study Petra Sprik Transforming Chaplaincy 	Describe chaplain perceptions about and use of telechaplaincy (pre-Covid); quantitative and qualitative study of information from in-depth interviews with 36 chaplains	Mss published (see appendix)
Describing Patient/Family Experience – Covid Pandemic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patient-Family Experience at the Onset of COVID-19 Paul Galchutt Transforming Chaplaincy 	Describe patient-family experience in the Covid pandemic as reported by 10 palliative care chaplains	Mss published (see appendix)
Describing Women’s Coping with Intimate Partner Violence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coping with Intimate Partner Violence: Does It Matter What Women Think About Forgiveness Kristin Golden Transforming Chaplaincy 	Describe the relationships between forgiveness, beliefs about forgiveness, motivations for forgiveness, and four health outcomes in 154 female survivors of intimate partner violence	Mss in preparation
Interventions & Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feasibility and Acceptability of Implementing Dignity Therapy as a Supportive Intervention for Individuals with Advanced Neurodegenerative Disease Dirk Labuschagne Rush Center for Excellence in Aging 	Pilot study to test the feasibility and acceptability of providing Dignity Therapy for patients with advanced Parkinson’s Disease and their caregivers	Data collection completed Analysis underway
Interventions & Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OnDemand Spiritual Care in Oncology Beth Muehlhausen Ascension 	Pilot study of On Demand (out-patient) spiritual care for 27 oncology patients in 7 Ascension markets	Data collection completed Analysis completed Mss in preparation



Topic	Project, Leader, Funding	Description	Status
Interventions & Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting Religious Coping in Self-Management of Patients with Type II Diabetes Leonard Egede 	The aim is to implement an intervention to support religious coping and address religious fatalism in order to support self-management among low income African American patients with Type II diabetes	Developing the team, planning the intervention, and preparing to draft a 2023 proposal for NIH funding
Interventions & Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Psilocybin assisted therapy for palliative care patients Ali John Zarrabi (PI) Caroline Peacock (chaplain) Emory Health 	Clinical trial of psilocybin assisted therapy for palliative care patients experiencing demoralization	Study preparation is being completed and recruitment will begin shortly
Interventions & Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MDMA psychotherapy research study Jamie Beachy (Sub investigator and therapist) MAPS/MPBC, Aguazul-Bluewater, Inc 	Phase 3 MDMA psychotherapy research study	As of June 30 the phase 3 MDMA study is moving toward completion. The study will be unblinded in November; participants who received the placebo treatment will be offered participation in the crossover study
Issues in Chaplaincy – Faith Group Endorsement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mapping the Issues in Faith Group Endorsement (FGE) for Chaplain and CPE Educator Certification Nina Redl Grants from APC and ACPE 	Describe views about importance, strengths, and weaknesses of FGE for chaplain and certified educator certification using focus groups and interviews with 80 key stakeholders	Data collection complete Analysis underway



Topic	Project, Leader, Funding	Description	Status
Issues in Chaplaincy – Racism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Systemic Racism in Chaplaincy: Opportunities to Change the Narrative • Marilyn Barnes • AdvocateAurora Health 	Describe experiences of racism, in training and employment, based on interviews with 17 African American chaplains	Data collection complete Analysis complete Mss in preparation
Issues in Chaplaincy – Evaluating Employee Requests for Vaccine Exemption	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Religious Exemptions for COVID-19 Vaccine: Survey of Healthcare Chaplain: The Experiences of Chaplains Assisting and Evaluating Employee Requests • Jeanne Wirpsa 	Describe chaplains' experiences in evaluating employees' requests for religious exemption from Covid vaccine; online survey among members of professional chaplain organizations	Data collection in process
Mapping Chaplain Activities - Community Wellness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mapping Spiritual Care and Community Wellness • Kelsey White • Transforming Chaplaincy 	Describe how spiritual care program are involved in efforts to collaborate with congregations and community agencies to support wellness and reduce readmission; key informant interviews and online survey of spiritual care managers	Initial interviews completed
Mapping Chaplain Activities – Covid Pandemic & Double Pandemic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spiritual Care in Covid Pandemic • Cate Michelle Desjardins, Beth Muehlhausen, Nina Redl 	Accounts of spiritual care in the early months of the Covid 19 pandemic from journals of 21 chaplains (mss)	Mss in press and Ebook published (see appendix)
		Complete journals from 5 chaplains with commentary (Ebook)	
		Interview 20 spiritual care managers about experience of providing leadership during the early months of the Covid 19 pandemic	Mss under review
		Describe how 20 spiritual care managers addressed issues of racism in their departments and organizations in the context of the double pandemic	Mss under review



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Mapping Chaplain Activities – Psychedelic Assisted Therapy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Experience, Function, and Perspective of Chaplains in Psychedelic Assisted Care: A Qualitative Study Caroline Peacock 	Qualitative interviews with 16 chaplains involved in psychedelic assisted therapy	Data collection and analysis completed Mss in preparation
Mapping Chaplain Activities – Spiritual Care Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describing Spiritual Care Service Activities at 20 US News & World Report Honor Roll Hospitals Lex Tartaglia Rush University Medical Center 	<p>Describe spiritual care services, and staffing employed to provide them, using zoom interviews with spiritual care managers</p> <p>Describe spiritual care programs' support for health care colleagues</p>	<p>Mss under review</p> <p>Mss under review</p>
Mapping Chaplain Activities – Spiritual Care Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mapping Spiritual Care in CommonSpirit Small & Critical Access Hospitals Kristen Schenk CommonSpirit grant 	Describe spiritual care services in 19 small and critical access hospitals operated by CommonSpirit	Data collection complete Analysis complete Report in preparation
Mapping Chaplain Activities – Who Receives Spiritual Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Examining Factors Associated with Utilization of Chaplains in the Acute Care Setting Kelsey White 	Describe factors associated with receiving spiritual care (none vs any and if any, how much) among 15,000 patients at an academic medical center	Mss published (see appendix)
Mapping Chaplain Activities – Spiritual Care for Patients with Dementia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spiritual Care for Nursing Home Residents with Dementia: A Focus Group Study Meganne Masko Transforming Chaplaincy 	<p>Describe key spiritual care services for patients with dementia in long term care with emphasis on use of music and collaboration with music therapists using focus groups.</p> <p>Project in collaboration with Religion/Spirituality SIG of PCRC</p>	Data collection complete Analysis underway
Mapping Chaplain Activities – Long Term Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mapping Spiritual and Religious Care for Residents in Long-Term Care Facilities: A Pilot Study Kathryn Lyndes 	Explore the feasibility of gathering details about R/S care provided for older adults living in 9 diverse residential care centers	Mss published (see appendix)



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Mapping Chaplain Activities – Long Term Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mapping Religious and Spiritual Care in Long-Term Care Centers in Two U.S. Counties Kathryn Lyndes, Sarah McEvoy 	Describe spiritual care in all long-term care facilities in two US counties	IRB approved Project planning underway
Stress and Well-Being in Health Care Colleagues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Factors associated with healthcare staff stress and resilience: a scoping review Tim Usset 	Scoping review of research describing factors associated with healthcare worker stress and well-being; analysis conducted using NAM model of 7 factors associated with healthcare worker stress and well-being	Mss under review
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spiritual care for healthcare workers: a scoping review Sarah Knapp 	Scoping review of research describing direct and indirect spiritual care for staff	Analysis underway
Stress and Well-Being in Healthcare Colleagues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health and Strength Tim Usset 	Develop and implement an intervention to address moral injury in healthcare workers	Several proposals for implementing the intervention are under consideration



Ascension chaplains and leaders at Management Certificate Capstone



Research Network Highlights FY22

Our 9 Research Networks are a key component of Transforming Chaplaincy. They provide a place for chaplains and interested colleagues who share specific clinical and practice interests to gather and support education and research activities related to those interests. Together, in FY22, the Networks involved 2000 members in education and research activities. The Networks hosted 13 webinars or other presentations. The Network Conveners and members published 17 peer-reviewed papers, chapters, and eBooks.

In FY22 we added two new Networks. The Elder Care Research Network is led by Kathryn Lyndes and Sarah McEvoy. Their mission includes integrating “research into professional practice by building networks of researchers, chaplains, and other dedicated to research in elder care.” They hosted two webinars including one that featured a presentation by professor and pastoral theologian, John Swinton, who spoke about “Love in the Time of Dementia; Remembering this Forgotten Dimension of Care.” One of their current research projects is focused on mapping spiritual care services in all the nursing homes in Davidson County, Tennessee.

The Psychedelic Care Network is the second Network added this year. It is led by Jamie Beachy and Caroline Peacock and is supported by The Riverstyx Foundation. The Network’s monthly gatherings included presentations and discussion about important psychedelic research and issues for spiritual care practitioners such as competencies and endorsement. The Network co-leaders are actively involved in several research projects.

Other highlights of our FY22 Research Network activities include the launch of an Ethics-Chaplaincy Workgroup in the Chaplaincy Functions network. Among its activities, the Workgroup plans share best practices and conduct a mapping study to learn more about chaplains’ involvement in ethics in their institutions.

During FY22, the Chronic Illness/Disease Research Network initiated conversations with colleagues at the Medical College of Wisconsin about designing a study to test the effectiveness of a combined spiritual care, diabetes education intervention to address religious fatalism and improve self-management of patients with Type 2 diabetes.

These are just a few highlights of the activities of the Transforming Chaplaincy Research Networks in FY22. You can read more about each of the Research Networks and their activities in the Appendices.



Education Highlights FY22

Certificate in Spiritual Care Management and Leadership

Between September 2021 and May 2022, 27 current and emerging spiritual care managers participated in the Certificate in Spiritual Care Management and Leadership offered by Transforming Chaplaincy in conjunction with Rush University's Department of Health Systems Management. Chaplains from Transforming Chaplaincy's partners, Ascension, Providence St Joseph, and IU Health, participated in the Certificate along with chaplains from safety net and community hospitals and academic medical centers across the country.

About her experience in the Certificate, one participant wrote, *This program's curriculum and conversations reengaged and energized me when I was in the pandemic fatigue trenches. I now have resources, ideas, and increased confidence in my ability to approach and navigate the areas we explored related to the action and enabling competency domains.* On the following pages you can read more about the Certificate and its Capstone seminars in May.

Spiritual Care Week, October 24-30, 2021

The theme for Spiritual Care Week in 2021 was *Advancing Spiritual Care Through Spiritual Care Research*. To support the celebration of Spiritual Care Week, Transforming Chaplaincy offered 5 webinars, one every day of the week. The kickoff webinar on Monday October 24 was, "20 Highlights from Spiritual Care Research: Information You Care Share." The webinar was attended by 288 people. In conjunction with the webinar, we produced a white paper with summaries of studies supporting the 20 Highlights. A list of the 20 Highlights is included in the Appendices. Information about the other Spiritual Care Week webinars is included in our list of FY22 Webinars in the Appendices.

RL (Research Literacy) 101 & 102

Advancing a research-informed approach to spiritual care depends on chaplains developing research literacy. To support chaplain research literacy, we continued to offer our online research literacy courses: RL101, a five-week Introduction to Research Literacy, and RL 102, a 10-week Deeper Exploration for Chaplains. In FY22 91 chaplains, including chaplains from Transforming Chaplaincy's partners, enrolled in RL 101 and 14 chaplains enrolled in RL 102.

RL 101/102 Enrollment 3-year Comparison

	RL 101 (5 weeks)			RL 102 (10 weeks)	
	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY21	FY22
Summer		25	17		
Fall		48	14	13	4
Winter		30	17		
Spring		17	19	16	10
Summer			24		
Total	33	120	91	29	14



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RL for CPE

To help chaplain educators incorporate research literacy into their CPE residency programs we developed an online introduction to research literacy curriculum. The curriculum was developed by Csaba Szilagyi, a CPE Educator and the Director, Spiritual Care & Chaplaincy at Howard County General Hospital in Columbia, Maryland. The curriculum can be completed in 6 weeks, but CPE educators can customize it to use it over any period that fits their programs. The curriculum was pilot tested at the end of FY22 and has been made available to CPE educators beginning in the Fall 2022.

Webinars

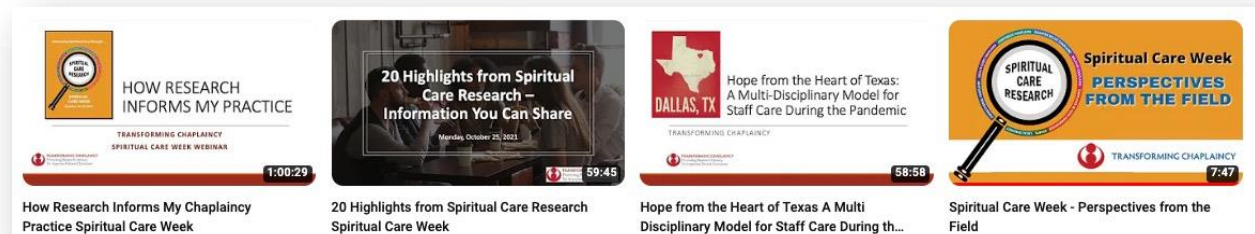
In FY22 Transforming Chaplaincy hosted 21 webinars. Over 3,000 people attended the webinars (a site registered as attending might have several people listening). The webinars addressed diverse topics including: spiritual care interventions in end of life care, surveys of patient/family experiences of chaplain care, chaplain-nurse collaboration, and the effects of “connectional silence” on palliative care patients’ decision-making and quality-of-life.

Three webinars were attended by over 250 people. These included two webinars we offered during Spiritual Care Week in 2021, “20 Highlights from Spiritual Care Research,” and “Spiritual Care Services in the US Best Hospitals,” and a webinar from the Spring 2022, “The Emerging Role of Professional Chaplains in Psychedelic Care.”

Five webinars were offered with APC as part of the Webinar Journal Club. We also co-sponsored a webinar with Cedars-Sinai for their Chaplain-Conference. The FY22 webinars have had an additional 4,500 views on our YouTube channel. A complete list of our FY22 webinars can be found in the Appendices.

YouTube Channel

All the Transforming Chaplaincy webinars are available on our YouTube channel. In FY22 our 10 most viewed webinars had a total of over 4,500 views. The most viewed webinar was “What is Your Theory of Chaplaincy,” from April 2021. It had over 1,000 views in FY22. The 10th most viewed webinar was, “‘Okay, so he has some religious beliefs’: Spiritual Care in Palliative Care Research,” from November, 2020, had nearly 300 views in FY22.



Chaplain Research Summer Institute

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, in FY22 we did not offer the Chaplain Research Summer Institute (aka Research Summer Camp). It was offered at the beginning of FY23.



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Management Certificate Capstone a Success

From May 18-20, participants in Transforming Chaplaincy's Certificate in Spiritual Care Management and Leadership gathered in person for the program's Capstone Conference. The Certificate began in September 2021 with bi-monthly virtual sessions. In May, 21 participants from Alaska to Florida came together to share their Applied Learning Projects. These Capstone sessions were hybrid to permit some participants to join remotely.

However, being together meant a great deal to those who were able to gather for the sessions at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago. Kevin Deegan, Senior Chaplain at Providence Holy Cross Medical Center in Mission Hills, CA wrote, *"It was such a great experience. I learned so much and grew as a leader. Being in person for the Capstone was perfect way to end. Meeting everyone in person allowed me to forge lasting relationships."*



Participants in Transforming Chaplaincy's Certificate in Spiritual Care Management and Leadership gather for Capstone sessions.

Certificate participants included current and emerging spiritual care managers. Chaplains from Transforming Chaplaincy's partners, Ascension, Providence St. Joseph, and IU Health, participated in the Certificate along with chaplains from safety net and community hospitals and academic medical centers



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across the country. Spiritual care leaders from two of our partners, Antonina Olszewski (Ascension) and Theresa Vithayathil Edmonson (Providence St. Joseph) also joined us for the Capstone.

Other Certificate participants wrote these comments.

I am grateful to have had this opportunity to learn from peers, to have a supportive community, and to think outside the box. I am excited about the future of healthcare chaplaincy with such an amazing group of leaders and feel recharged to meet the challenges that lie ahead for our work. Thanks to everyone – the faculty, everyone who participated, and especially to Andy Andresco for all the great work behind the scenes keeping things moving smoothly and efficiently!

Certificate Participant

My skills when it comes to leading change have matured as I've learned from both my own and my cohorts' work. When it comes to relationship and network development, I now have an incredible group of people with whom I can collaborate and who will both broaden and enrich my perspective on the various and novel things that come my way. . . This program's curriculum and conversations reengaged and energized me when I was in the pandemic fatigue trenches. I now have resources, ideas, and increased confidence in my ability to approach and navigate the areas we explored related to the action and enabling competency domains.

Stacey Morgan

Providence Home and Community Care, Portland, OR

The course helped me to navigate the business side of spiritual care leadership with topics of interest for those who are going into management or have been in management for a long time. It provided a formal learning structure to real life issues in management where I could, as a student, draw from the professors and from my peers across multiple healthcare organizations and backgrounds. The tools provided in this course and the connections I have made will be invaluable to me moving forward.

Keith Travis


Ascension St. Thomas Rutherford Hospital, Nashville, TN



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It has become a tradition for the participants in the Certificate program to contribute to a final Blessing for Spiritual Care Managers. Here are two of the blessings that were shared in May.



May our Spiritual Care Departments be blessed with chaplains who strive for excellence in all they do.

May they embrace documentation as an integral part of their ministry.

May their clinical notes be clear and individualized, fully describing the spiritual and emotional needs of our patients.

May the "person", not just the patient, shine through our notes for all the staff to see.

May our notes be an accurate reflection of the excellent care we are providing.

May our facilities gain understanding of the value of spiritual care.

And may our efforts not go unnoticed but bear much fruit. Fruit that remains.



Most High and Glorious God,

May we always be moved to answer your call wherever You place us.

May we be your hands and feet, bringing blessings to those we encounter as we receive your blessings.

May we be your voice as we speak into distress and chaos, speaking for justice and love as you speak through us.

May our hearts be wholly yours, loving all without exception as you love us.

Give us the faith to do what is just, to show constant love, and to live in humble fellowship with you, our God.

Amen



Communication

In FY22 the Transforming Chaplaincy Newsletter had over 2,000 subscribers. As show in the table, many people are using our website and we have a growing presence on social media.

	FY20	FY21	FY22
Newsletter subscribers	2,025	2,090	2,119
Website pageviews	45,571	45,892	48,690
Twitter impression/month		5,534	5,304
Twitter total impressions			63,645
Twitter followers		679	865

In FY22 we began publishing a blog at the beginning of each monthly newsletter. Here are the topics of our blogs, and their authors, in FY22. You can read the blogs at the Newsletter Archive on our website.

Month	Author	Topic
July 2021	George Fitchett	Chaplaincy Innovations
August 2021	Christina Shu	Does Faith Concordance Matter? A Comparison of Clients' Perceptions in Same Versus Interfaith Spiritual Care Encounters with Chaplains in Hospitals
September 2021	George Fitchett	Mapping Chaplaincy Research: The Transforming Chaplaincy FY21 Annual Report
October 2021	Shelley Varner Perez	What do we know about the healthcare chaplaincy workforce, and what do we do with this data moving forward?
November 2021	Ronald C. Oliver	Chaplains Must Be Involved in Rigorous Continuing Education Anchored to Research
December 2021	Annelieke Damen	Spiritual Needs in a Secular Society
January 2022	George Fitchett	Advancing Spiritual Care with Older Adults
February 2022	M Jeanne Wirpsa	Global Conversation Partners: What can we learn from our European colleagues about chaplain documentation?
March 2022	Carmen Schuhmann	The Dutch Chaplaincy Research Agenda: Identifying Relevant and Urgent Chaplaincy Research Themes
April 2022	Petra Sprik	Telechaplaincy: A developing field of research and practice, and a call for you to participate in its advancement
May 2022	George Fitchett	Spiritual Care in Serious Illness: Does Everyone Need It?



Gratitude for Our Partners and Collaborators

The next few pages name our Partners and the people who have collaborated with us in FY22. We are deeply grateful for all their contributions.

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Chaplain Documentation in Palliative Care: What Healthcare Colleagues Say

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Chaplains and Telechaplaincy: Best Practices, Strengths, Weaknesses – A National Study

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Angela Janssen Keenan, Atrium Health's Carolinas Medical Center

Danielle Boselli, Levine Cancer Institute

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Coping with Intimate Partner Violence: Does It Matter What Women Think About Forgiveness

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CPE and Emotional Intelligence



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Describing Spiritual Care Service Activities at 20 US News & World Report Honor Roll Hospitals

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Kelsey White, Virginia Commonwealth University
Anne Charlescraft, Virginia Commonwealth University (retired)
Tricia Johnson, Rush University Medical Center
Beth Jackson-Jordan, Woodruff Health Sciences Center, Emory University
George Fitchett, Rush University Medical Center

Examining Factors Associated with Utilization of Chaplains in the Acute Care Setting

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Factors Associated with Healthcare Staff Stress and Resilience: A Scoping Review

Tim Usset, School of Public Health, University of Minnesota and Physicians Wellness Collaborative
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Feasibility and Acceptability of Implementing Dignity Therapy as a Supportive Intervention for Individuals with Advanced Neurodegenerative Disease

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Healthcare Professionals' Views of Chaplain Documentation

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Health and Strength

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Interprofessional Preferences for Inpatient Palliative Chaplain Spiritual Assessment Documentation

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Mapping Spiritual Care and Community Wellness

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Mapping Spiritual Care in CommonSpirit Small and Critical Access Hospitals

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Patient-Family Experience at the Onset of COVID-19

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Caroline Peacock, Woodruff Health Sciences Center, Emory University

Drew Bongiovoni, Woodruff Health Sciences Center, Emory University

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Religious Exemptions for COVID-19 Vaccine: Survey of Healthcare Chaplain: The Experiences of Chaplains Assisting and Evaluating Employee Requests

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Supporting Religious Coping in Self- Management of Patients with Type II Diabetes

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Systemic Racism in Chaplaincy: Opportunities to Change the Narrative

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The Experience, Function, and Perspective of Chaplains in Psychedelic Assisted Care: A Qualitative Study

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FY22 Webinars

Date	Title	Presenters and Hosts	Sponsors	Attendance
September 14, 2021	Current Chaplain Demographics and Implications for Strategic Planning: A Conversation about Cultural Competence, Diversity, and Concordance	Guests: Marilyn Barnes, Kelsey White Hosts: WJC Team (Shelley, Cate, Marilyn)	APC, WJC	Registered: 71
October 12, 2021	Winter is Coming: Spiritual Resources in a Never-ending Pandemic	Presenters: Lavender Kelley, Nina Redl, Benjamin Schaefer Host: Jeanne Wirpsa	TC & Chaplaincy Functions Research network	Registered: 179 Attended: 105 YT views: 148
October 18, 2021	Hope from the Heart of Texas: A Multi-Disciplinary Model for Staff Care During the Pandemic	Presenters: Patricia Johnson, Elias Lopez, Caesar Rentie, Kathleen Ross Host: Jeanne Wirpsa	TC & Chaplaincy Functions Research network	Registered: 147 Attended: 85 YT views: 124
October 25, 2021 Spiritual Care Week	20 Highlights from Spiritual Care Research	Presenters: Shelley Varner-Perez, Paul Galchutt	TC	Registered: 440 Attended: 288 YT views: 471
October 26, 2021 Spiritual Care Week	How Research Informs My Chaplaincy Practice	Presenters: Marilyn Barnes, Beth Reece, Kristen Schenk, Jeanne Wirpsa Host: George Fitchett	TC	Registered: 376 Attended: 209 YT views: 325
October 27, 2021 Spiritual Care Week	Spiritual Care Services in the US Best Hospitals	Presenters: Lex Tartaglia, Kelsey White	TC	Registered: 456 Attended: 280 YT views: 473
October 28, 2021 Spiritual Care Week	We all have stories to tell: Case Study Research for Chaplains	Presenters: Cate Desjardins, Jeanne Wirpsa	TC	Registered: 399 Attended: 182 YT views: 372
October 29, 2021 Spiritual Care Week	Patients' and Loved Ones' Expectations of Chaplain Services	Presenter: Beth Muehlhausen	TC	Registered: 414 Attended: 181 YT views: 369
November 9, 2021	A Survey of the Research on Chaplaincy in the time of COVID-19: Implications for the future of our profession	Guest: Stacy Auld & George Fitchett Hosts: WJC Team (Shelley, Cate, Marilyn)	APC, WJC	Registered: 77



November 18, 2021	A Divine Intervention to Reduce Black-White Disparities in End-stage Cancer Care	Presenter: Holly Prigerson, Respondent: Carla Price Host: Paul Galchutt	TC HPSCRN, TC	Registered: 275 Attended: 102 YT views: 205
February 2, 2022	Spirit Alive! Fostering Spiritual Wellbeing Among People Living with Dementia	Presenter: Kelly O'Shea Carney Hosts: Kathryn Lyndes, Sarah McEvoy	TC & Elder Care Research network	Registered: 325 Attended: 157 YT views: 206
February 8, 2022	The World of Trauma: Vicarious Trauma, Spirituality, and the Evidence-Informed Chaplain	Guest: Beth Muehlhausen Hosts: WJC Team (Shelley, Cate, Marilyn)	APC, WJC	Registered: 63
March 15, 2022	Palliative Workplace Stress: Qualitative Research Data about It and Considering the Benefits of Self-Compassion to Address It	Presenters: Terence Bostic, Kristen Edwards, Paul Galchutt, Katy Hyman, Dirk Labuschagne, Timothy Usset	TC HPSCRN, TC	Registered: 311 Attended: 153 YT views: 105
March 31, 2022	The Emerging Role of Professional Chaplains in Psychedelic Care	Presenters: Jamie Beachy, Wael Garas, Caroline Peacock, Rachael Petersen	TC & CIL	Registered: 512 Attended: 260 YT views: 149
April 7, 2022	The Epidemiology of Connectional Silence in Serious Illness Conversations	Presenter: Robert Gramling Respondent: Justin Sanders Host: Paul Galchutt	TC HPSCRN, TC	Registered: 411 Attended: 193 YT views: 554
April 26, 2022	Understanding the Outcomes of Spiritual Care Through the Eyes of Patients	Guest: Austyn Snowden Hosts: WJC Team (Shelley, Cate, Marilyn)	APC, WJC	Registered: 73
April 29, 2022	Love in the time of Dementia: Remembering a 'Forgotten' Dimension of Care with John Swinton	Presenter: John Swinton Hosts: Kathryn Lyndes, Sarah McEvoy	TC & Elder Care Research network	Registered: 439 Attended: 170 YT views: 233



May 4, 2022	What We Learned from APC's Decision to Withdraw from Merger Talks with ACPE: Shaping a New Vision for Professional Chaplaincy	Presenters: Marilyn Barnes, Ron Oliver, John Overvold, Jana Troutman-Miller Host: Kelsey White, George Fitchett	TC	Registered: 608 Attended: 321 YT views: 461
May 25, 2022	A Randomized Controlled Trial of a Chaplain-Led Spiritual Care Intervention for the Surrogate Decision Makers of ICU Patients	Presenter: Lexy Torke Respondent: Alex Smith Host: Paul Galchutt	TC HPSCRN, TC	Registered: 295 Attended: 122 YT views: 131
June 14, 2022	Evidence-Based Spiritual Care with Adult Outpatients with Cancer: Documenting Spiritual Assessments	Guest: Allison Kestenbaum Hosts: WJC Team (Shelley, Cate, Marilyn)	APC, WJC	Registered: 65
June 22, 2022	Chaplain – Nurse Collaboration: Exploring Evidence and Practice Implications Cedars-Sinai Chaplain Conference	Presenter: Elizabeth Johnston Taylor Respondents: Rodney Foster, Jamie Greene, Bronwen Jones, Laura McVay, Christina Shu, Tina Tran Host: Jason Weiner	TC, Cedars-Sinai	Registered: 339 Attended: 171 YT views: 271



20 Highlights from Spiritual Care Research – Information You Can Share

1. Religion/spirituality is one of the most important resources for coping with serious physical illness.
2. Religion/spirituality is one of the most important resources for coping with serious mental illness.
3. Religion/spirituality play an important role in helping family caregivers of patients with serious illness. Patients value the support chaplains provide to their loved ones.
4. While religion/spirituality are important for coping, some patients experience religious/spiritual distress or pain.
5. It is important to address religious/spiritual distress or pain because evidence shows it is harmful to physical and emotional health, health behavior and quality of life.
6. A substantial majority of hospitalized patients want spiritual care.
7. Important clinical practice guidelines recommend attention to patient and caregiver religious/spiritual concerns.
8. Despite the importance of religion/spirituality to patients and their family caregivers and clinical guidelines, patient and caregiver spiritual concerns are frequently overlooked by healthcare professionals.
9. Receiving spiritual care improves patients' satisfaction with hospital care.
10. Spiritual care is especially important for patients at the end of life.



11. Spiritual care is especially important for family members of patients with serious illness.
12. Chaplains help patients, families, and staff with making difficult medical decisions.
13. Chaplains are an integral part of the pediatric healthcare environment, providing coping and decision-making support to both parents and children.
14. During the Covid-19 pandemic, chaplains creatively responded to support patients, their loved ones, and their health care colleagues.
15. Chaplains have developed and tested interventions for use with ICU patients and their loved ones
16. An important intervention developed by a chaplain helps patients with serious illness review their spiritual life journey.
17. Chaplains have also developed interventions that specifically address religious/spiritual struggle.
18. Chaplains use Building Spiritual Strengths to provide care for veterans and others with PTSD.
19. Spiritual care for out-patients and the use of telechaplaincy are both important areas of growth.
20. Chaplains provide support for their healthcare colleagues. Feeling their work is a calling is associated with greater resilience and satisfaction for healthcare professionals.



FY22 Research Network Reports

Chaplaincy Function Research Network

Convener: M Jeanne Wirpsa

Members: 268

Network-Related Publications:

- Wirpsa, M. J. (2022). Acceptance or Refusal of Surgery Due to Religious or Cultural Reasons. In *Difficult Decisions in Surgical Ethics* (pp. 257-271). Springer, Cham.
- TC February 2022 Newsletter Blog/Book Review: Wirpsa, MJ. *Global Conversation Partners: What can we learn from our European colleagues about chaplain documentation?*

Charting by Chaplains in Healthcare: White Paper of the European Research Institute for Chaplains in HealthCare (ERICH) by Anne Vandenhoeck, Joost Verhoef, Daniel Nuzum, Pascal Mösl, David Neuhold, Simon Peng-Keller, Traugott Roser, Linda Ross, Wim Smeets, Austyn Snowden, Wilfred McSherry. Access: Published on-line - <https://doi.org/10.1558/hsc.20583>

Other Network Activities:

- Documentation Research Project. Karen Terry, PI. Survey designed to solicit feedback from non-chaplain healthcare providers about use and preferences for chaplaincy documentation. Status: Awaiting IRB approval.
- Religious Exemptions for COVID-19 Vaccine: Survey of Healthcare Chaplain: The Experiences of Chaplains Assisting and Evaluating Employee Requests. The study aims to learn more about the experience of chaplains who played this role – what kind of preparation they received, their unique contributions as “religious experts”, whether this work caused them moral or emotional distress, and how it may have impacted their relationships with co-workers and organizational leaders. Status: Wirpsa, MJ, PI. NU IRB ruled exempt. Survey being distributed to board certified chaplains and managers of spiritual/pastoral care throughout US.
- Ethics-Chaplaincy Workgroup. Professional healthcare chaplains are often asked to provide ethics consultation or leadership at their respective institutions, many without formal bioethics education or clinical ethics training. Identify professional, board certified chaplains involved in ethics for two purposes: 1. to organize a group that meets regularly to exchange best practices, discuss role conflicts, and support chaplains tapped to serve in this role who have minimal preparation; and 2. to advance a research project much like the attached one completed by David Fleenor, et al on ethics training in CPE - but directed at professional chaplains, especially those sitting on ethics committees, providing ethics consultation, or whose leadership position includes oversight for ethics. Status: 40 chaplains involved in ethics indicated interest. First meeting scheduled for June 24, 2022.
- Jeanne Wirpsa was interviewed for a research project on chaplain activities. Publication recently released ahead of print: Klitzman, R., Garbuzova, E., Di Sapia Natarelli, G., Sinnappan, S. and Al-Hashimi, J. "Hospital chaplains' communication with patients: characteristics, functions and potential benefits." *Patient Education and Counseling* (2022): online ahead of print, 5/10/22.



Conversation begun with lead author/researcher Dr. Klitzman regarding possible future collaborations with TC.

Hospice-Palliative Spiritual Care Research Network

Convener: Paul Galchutt

- Faculty, ISPEC Faculty (Interprofessional Spiritual Care Education Curriculum with the George Washington University Institute of Spirituality and Health)
- Instructor, Essentials for Palliative Care, California State University – Shiley Haynes Institute for Palliative Care
- Member, ACPE Research Committee

Network Steering Committee: Allison Kestenbaum, Denise Hess, Dirk Labuschagne, Katy Hyman

Members: 860

Special Interest Groups

- Bereavement Coordination: James Adams, palliative care chaplain and bereavement coordinator, began serving as the moderator for this group. They meet monthly to discuss articles as well as their respective work in their settings.
- Inpatient Palliative Care: Sarah Byrne-Martelli, palliative care chaplain at Massachusetts General Hospital, began serving as the moderator this spring. This SIG is just beginning.

Network-related Publications:

Galchutt P. Transforming Spiritual Care. J Pastoral Care Counsel. 2022 Mar;76(1):73-74. doi: 10.1177/15423050221079563. Epub 2022 Feb 17. PMID: 35175145.

Galchutt, P., Labuschagne, D., & Usset, T. (2022). Patient-Family Experience at the Onset of COVID-19: Interviews with Ten Palliative Chaplains. Journal of palliative medicine, 10.1089/jpm.2021.0550. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1089/jpm.2021.0550>

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Webinars

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Presenter: Dr. Bob Gramling

Respondent: Dr. Justin Sanders

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Presenter: Dr. Alexia Torke

Respondent: Dr. Alex Smith

Elder Care Research Network (The Network was launched January 2022)

Co-Conveners: Kathryn Lyndes, Sarah McEvoy

Our mission is:

- To integrate research into professional practice by building networks of researchers, chaplains, and other dedicated to research in elder care.
- To promote evidence-based spiritual care by serving as an education platform for chaplains working with elders.
- To foster a culture of inquiry by developing partnerships with health systems, PALTC service companies, and other elder service agencies to build research capacity through networking and funding.

Members: 59

Webinars:

- Spirit Alive, February 11, 2022 with Kelly O'Shea Carney
- Love in the Time of Dementia; Remembering this Forgotten Dimension of Care with Professor John Swinton on April 29, 2022:

Research Activities:

- Mapping Religious and Spiritual Care in Long-Term Care Centers in Two U.S. Counties.
- Spiritual Care for Nursing Home Residents with Dementia: A Focus Group Study.



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Other Activities:

The Elder Care Research Network has hosted one meeting and is currently surveying members to create a plan for advancing our network mission

Psychedelic Care Network (The Network was launched January 2022)

Co-Conveners: Jamie Beachy and Caroline Peacock

Support: The Riverstyx Foundation

Members: 135 have registered from around the world. We have members from the US, Canada and Israel who regularly participate. Our core group of attendees averages around 50 per month.

Subgroups:

Competency committee led by Stephen Lewis, DMin, BCC. This group is working on the creation of competencies for spiritual care professionals in psychedelic assisted care.

Publications:

- Beachy, J., Petersen, R. (2022). Chaplaincy and Psychedelic-Assisted Therapy: Opportunities and Barriers. Reflective Practice: Formation and Supervision in Ministry, vol. 42
- Rosa WE, Sager Z, Miller M, Bernstein I, Doerner Rinaldi A, Addicott K, Ljuslin M, Adrian C, Back AL, Beachy J, Bossis AP, Breitbart WS, Cosimano MP, Fischer SM, Guss J, Knighton E, Phelps J, Richards BD, Richards WA, Tulskey JA, Williams MT, Beaussant Y. Top Ten Tips Palliative Care Clinicians Should Know About Psychedelic-Assisted Therapy in the Context of Serious Illness. J Palliat Med. 2022 Aug;25(8):1273-1281. doi: 10.1089/jpm.2022.0036. Epub 2022 Mar 14. PMID: 35285721; PMCID: PMC9467634

Webinars:

- The Emerging Role of Chaplains in Psychedelic Assisted Therapy, Chaplaincy Innovation Lab and Transforming Chaplaincy, March 2022
- The Emerging Role of Psychedelic Chaplaincy, Chacruna Religion and Psychedelics Forum, April 2022
- Professional Chaplaincy and Psychedelic-Assisted Therapy: Current Research and Future Opportunities, Association for Professional Chaplains, June 2022

Research Activities:

- Jamie Beachy- 2019-present, Phase 3 MDMA Psychotherapy Research with MAPS/MPBC, Aguazul-Bluewater, Inc. Boulder, CO. Sub-Investigator and Therapist for Phase 3 MDMA psychotherapy research study.
- Caroline Peacock- Spiritual Health Clinician in Emory sponsored clinical trial of psilocybin assisted therapy for palliative care patients experiencing demoralization. PI- Ali John Zarrabi



- Caroline Peacock- The Experience, Function, and Perspective of Chaplains in Psychedelic Assisted Care: A Qualitative Study. In process. Sixteen subjects, coding and analysis complete. Preparing for publication.

Other Network Activities:

Each month we present a topic and allow time for discussion. Our topics to date have been:

- January- Initial gathering
- February- Presentation on the recent MAPS PTSD study- led by Stephen Lewis, DMin, BCC, MAPS
- March- Chaplain Endorsement for those engaged in psychedelic assisted care, Mark LaRocca-Pitts
- April- Johns Hopkins Religious Professionals Psilocybin Study, Rachael Peterson, Riverstyx Foundation
- May- Open discussion and networking
- June- Equity in Psychedelic Therapy- Oriana Mayorga, MDiv, MAPS

Spiritual Care Manager Network

Convener: Ben Schaefer

Members: We have over 60 who have joined and about 15 who are actively engaged on a monthly basis

Webinars:

October 12, 2021

Winter is Coming: Spiritual Resources in a Never-ending Pandemic:

Presenters: Lavender Kelley, Nina Redl, Benjamin Schaefer

Host: Jeanne Wirpsa

Co-sponsored with Chaplaincy Functions Network

Other Activities:

- Continued networking building small groups of Spiritual Care leaders who are sharing best practices and professional development
- Monthly leader roundtables. Recent topics have included:
 - Effective use of staff meetings
 - Role Spiritual Care providers have in impacting HCAHPS scores
 - What does it mean to plan strategically with so much unknown
 - Planning for the future in a time of significant financial issues for healthcare
 - Self-care for leaders
- Led workshop in TC Management Certificate Capstone (May 2022). Networking in spiritual care and hospital leadership.

OutPatient & Oncology Research Network



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Convener: Petra Sprik

Members: 240 on email list

Publications by Network Members:

Sprik, P, Janssen Keenan, A, Boselli D & Grossoehme, DH. (2022) Chaplains and telechaplancy: best practices, strengths, weaknesses – a national study. J Health Care Chaplain, Online, 1-23.

Vanderstelt, H., van Dijk, A. and Lasair, S. "Transformational education: exploring the lasting impact of students' clinical pastoral education experiences." Journal of Health Care Chaplaincy (2022): online ahead of print, 2/21/22.

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Sprik, P, Janssen Keenan, A, Boselli, D., Cheeseboro S, Meadors P, Grossoehme D (2021) Feasibility and acceptability of a telephone-based chaplaincy intervention in a large, outpatient oncology center. Support Care Cancer, Online.

Winiger, F. (2022) The changing face of spiritual care: current developments in telechaplancy. J Health Care Chaplain. Online.

Network Activities:

- Outpatient oncology research small group:
 - 18 people meeting monthly and reading articles about outpatient oncology spiritual care and discussing clinical issues
- Outpatient primary care research small group
 - 6 people meeting monthly. Have started to conduct a literature review on outpatient care delivered by chaplains and outcomes measured
- Telechaplancy working group
 - 10 people in this group. Planning telechaplancy conference to be hosted October 19-20 from 10-2 EST

Pediatric Research Network

Convener: Cate Michelle Desjardins



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Steering Committee: Paul Nash, Jessica Bratt-Carle, Patrick Jinks

Members: 134 on Mighty Networks

Publications by Network Members:

Desjardins, C.M., and Redl, N. (ed.) (2022) *In Their Own Words: Stories of Chaplains' Courage, Creativity, and Compassion During the Early Pandemic*. Transforming Chaplaincy eBook.

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Publications Under Review:

Muehlhausen, B. L., **Desjardins, C. M.**, Chappelle, C., Schwartzman, G., Tata-Mbeng, B., & Fitchett, G. Managing Spiritual Care Departments During the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Qualitative Study.

Desjardins, C.M., Muehlhausen, B. L., Galchutt, P. Tata-Mbeng, B. & Fitchett, G. American health care chaplains' narrative experiences serving during the COVID-19 pandemic: a phenomenological hermeneutical study.

Network Activities:

- Three Virtual Workshops on the themes of:
 - Publishing a Case Study
 - Adapting PROMS for Pediatrics
 - Spiritual Play
- The Pediatric Case Study book is moving along with 11 case study writers making good progress. We hope the manuscript will be ready for publication in 2023.
- There is an emerging interest group in Spiritual Play, hosted by Jessica Shannon and Paul Nash
- We continue to collaborate with the Pediatric Chaplaincy Network

PTSD, Moral Injury & Spiritual Distress Network

Convener: Tim Usset

Members: 166

Network-Related Publications:

Usset, T.J., Stratton, R.G., Knapp, S., Schwartzman, G., Yadav, S.K., Schaefer, B.J., Harris, J.I., Fitchett, G. (under review) Factors associated with healthcare clinician stress and resilience: A Scoping Review.

Harris JI, Chamberlin ES, Engdahl B, Ayre A, Usset T, Mendez D. Spiritually integrated interventions for PTSD and moral injury: A review. *Current Treatment Options in Psychiatry*. 2021 Aug 27:1-7.



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Webinars & Presentations:

Usset., T.J. Moral injury in military service and health professions. Webinar. Uniformed Services University Psychology Department Didactic (01/2022)

Usset., T.J. Moral injury and spiritual distress: How our beliefs change our experiences of trauma. Presentation to Augsburg College Religion and Trauma course. (02/2022).

Stewart., P. & Usset., T.J. Moral injury didactic given to chaplains and mental health professionals in the Army/Air Force Europe and Africa Commands (08/2021)

Research Activity:

We are involved in ongoing proposals to disseminate/implement Building Spiritual Strength as well as adapting Building Spiritual Strength into Health and Strength, an intervention to address moral injury in healthcare workers.

Chronic Illness/Disease Research Network (CIDRN)

Conveners: Geila Rajaei, Charles Valenti-Hein

Members: 79

Research Activity:

The emphasis of the CIDRN has been working on a research collaboration with the Medical College of Wisconsin exploring the potential of addressing issues of religious fatalism relating to patients with Type 2 Diabetes. Working with the research team of Dr. Leonard Egede, we are exploring the possibilities of developing an NIH grant proposal for the Spring 2023 grant cycle. The project would engage resources from the Medical College of Wisconsin, Ascension Health, and Advocate Aurora to provide a spiritual care module for an existing outpatient Diabetes management education program.

Other Network Activities:

The CIDRN has had initial conversations with Professor Wilfred McSherry regarding his work with developing a program of “Chaplains for Wellbeing” within the National Health System in Great Britain. In addition, there have been initial conversations with Dr. Kristin Collier regarding her work on spiritual care within primary care settings.



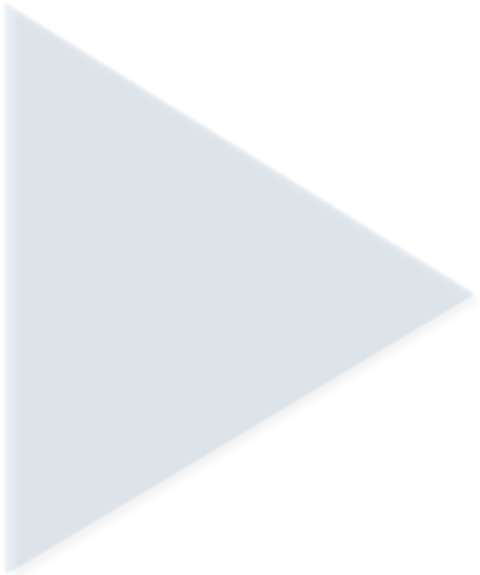


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