

TRANSFORMING CHAPLAINCY ANNUAL REPORT FY21



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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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“We envision a future...”

The vision statement for Transforming Chaplaincy begins with these words: “We envision a future...” A vision, like hope, is powerful because of its impact and influence upon the present, the here-and-now. The work of Transforming Chaplaincy certainly points to a compelling future and as the pages of this annual report demonstrate, the tremendous impact and influence Transforming Chaplaincy is having upon the present moment and upon these times for chaplaincy and healthcare.

Within the realities of the ongoing challenges of the pandemic, disruptions and changes within healthcare, larger social movements and more, Transforming Chaplaincy continues to advance its mission--cultivating rich partnerships through an atmosphere of mutuality and authentic collaboration.

Ascension knows firsthand the significant benefits of Transforming Chaplaincy’s strategic partnership: the maturation of spiritual care research capabilities, advancing evidence-based practice, increasing organizational visibility into the contributions of chaplaincy and spiritual care leadership, innovations in the delivery of chaplain services and entrance into value-based and direct to consumer products, and more.

Ascension bears witness to the future Transforming Chaplaincy seeks to fully realize, because we see it manifesting now through these achievements.

Transforming Chaplaincy’s annual report is a bold invitation to this future for all of us who value the vocation, profession and work of chaplaincy and the significant role research, evidence-based practice and a culture of inquiry hold. The tremendous work and accomplishments described in the pages to follow are a hope and vision being realized.



Timothy (Timm) L. M. Glover, M.Div.
Executive Vice President and Chief Mission Integration Officer, Ascension
Chair, Transforming Chaplaincy Advisory Committee



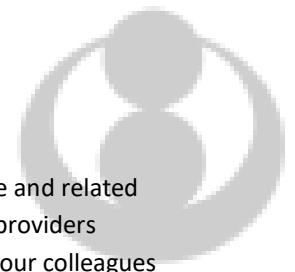
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Introduction



The past twelve months have been an incredible time, especially so for people working in healthcare and related fields. In the midst of the crises and challenges associated with the double pandemic, spiritual care providers responded with courage, creativity, and compassion. During the year, Transforming Chaplaincy and our colleagues undertook several projects to describe their important work.

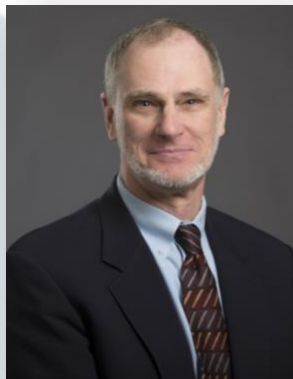
We also continued our efforts to strengthen spiritual care in healthcare through research. In this report we describe the highlights of the year's work. The report includes descriptions of our research activities, educational activities, and the ways in which we are expanding our partnerships.

Partnerships are essential to the work of Transforming Chaplaincy and are indispensable for the two dozen research activities in which we were involved in the past year. Our two major studies of spiritual care in the Covid-19 pandemic were conducted in partnership with Ascension, Transforming Chaplaincy's lead partner.

A partnership with Advocate Aurora Health is providing essential support for a new study of experiences of racism in the training and professional practice of African American/Black healthcare chaplains. Research literacy is a core competency for professional spiritual care providers and partnerships are important for our research literacy educational activities. Many of the almost 150 participants in our online research literacy classes, RL 101 and RL 102, were Ascension chaplains. Almost one-third of the participants in RL 101 were staff chaplains from the Memorial Hermann Health System in Texas. We were pleased to partner with colleagues at Memorial Hermann to offer this education to their team.

More details about these research and educational activities are in the following pages. In this report you will also find information about our plans to increase our partnerships in the coming year. By doing so we hope to double the resources available to support new research about spiritual care, describing what chaplains do and how our work improves the lives of the patients, families, and staff whom we serve.

As we describe the activities of the past year, I also want to thank all the people who contributed to those activities. These include our Research Network Conveners, our research collaborators, and the instructors for our online RL courses and other education activities. You will find their names in the report. The good work that we accomplished this year would not have been possible without the help of all our partners and collaborators and I am deeply grateful for their contributions.



I want to express special appreciation for the members of our Advisory Committee. They provide essential oversight and support and I am very grateful for their commitment to transforming chaplaincy and to Transforming Chaplaincy. Among other things they accomplished this year was giving us the wonderful Transforming Chaplaincy Mission and Vision statement that guides our work.

Finally, I express my deep gratitude to Andrew Andresco, the Transforming Chaplaincy Project Coordinator. He manages all the details for our work with thoroughness and grace.

George Fitchett, Director



Research

Describing Spiritual Care in The Double Pandemic

In the past twelve months key elements of Transforming Chaplaincy's research focused on both aspects of the double pandemic. In the first months of the Covid-19 pandemic we invited 21 chaplains around the country to keep journals about their work. Five of those chaplains read selections from their journals in a moving plenary session at the APC conference in June.

Key themes from the journals included being present, virtually, in the face of illness and death, staff care, and self-care. In a companion project we interviewed spiritual care managers in 20 hospitals across the country to learn how they and their teams responded to the pandemic. Both these projects were conducted in partnership with Ascension colleagues led by Beth Muehlhausen, Researcher for Spiritual Care & Mission Integration.

Paul Galchutt, chaplain at M Health Fairview/University of Minnesota Medical Center and the Convener of Transforming Chaplaincy's Hospice and Palliative Spiritual Care Research Network also led a team that interviewed palliative care chaplains about the impact of the pandemic on their work. Papers about each of these projects are in preparation or under review.

Transforming Chaplaincy colleagues also contributed to the analysis and reports of the international survey of spiritual care in the pandemic sponsored by our colleagues at the European Research Institute for Chaplaincy Research (ERICH; see Publications).

During the year we also examined the impact of systemic racism on spiritual care. This included chaplains' journal entries about the murder of George Floyd and the protests that followed. We conducted a second round of interviews with the chaplain managers to learn about the impact of these events on their departments and institutions.

Finally, with a grant from Advocate Aurora Health, Marilyn Barnes, Chair of the Department of Patient Counseling, Virginia Commonwealth University, and colleagues, initiated interviews with 20 African American/Black chaplains to learn about their experiences of racism in their training and professional practice.



Beth Muehlhausen



Paul Galchutt



Marilyn Barnes

Publications and Projects Completed in FY 21

In the past 12 months there were 17 peer-reviewed publications from Transforming Chaplaincy-related projects (see Publications for details). These included 4 publications from 3 Transforming Chaplaincy-related projects that were completed in the past 12 months.

Patients' and Loved Ones' Expectations of Chaplain Services

Beth Muehlhausen, Ascension and colleagues



This was a study of 452 patients and family members in one of 16 Ascension hospitals in Indiana. The investigators found that 93% of the patients and families wanted at least one chaplain visit while they were in the hospital. Among those with no religious preference, 83% still said they wanted at least one chaplain visit. Of the 230 (59%) participants who had already received a chaplain visit, 88% reported that the visit was either very or somewhat important to them.

Spiritual Care in Healthcare: Identifying Decision-Makers' Perspectives

We collaborated with Wendy Cadge and colleagues at the Chaplaincy Innovation Lab, Trace Haythorn, ACPE, and others on this study of 25 healthcare executives and spiritual care managers. It explored how healthcare executives understand chaplaincy and spiritual care and make resource decisions related to their work.



Wendy Cadge

The executives tended to see the value of chaplains in terms of their quality of care, reliability and responsiveness to emergent patient and staff needs, and clinical training and experience working within a complex environment. The executives saw themselves continuing to direct economic resources to chaplaincy departments even in the midst of challenging economic realities. The study was funded by the Carpenter Foundation and others.

Board Certification of Professional Chaplains: A Qualitative Study of Stakeholder Perspectives Kelsey White, School of Public Health and Information Sciences, University of Louisville and colleagues

Chaplaincy Board Certification is an important way that professional chaplaincy organizations identify and recognize core competencies for healthcare chaplains. This study reported results from interviews with 50 certification candidates, certification committee members, and chaplaincy managers in the United States. Participants shared divergent perspectives about certification, but a majority spoke about the value of certification for the profession internally and with colleagues in other disciplines. The project was funded by the Association of Professional Chaplains and the National Association of Catholic Chaplains.

New and On-Going Research

Describing Spiritual Care Service Activities at 20 US News & World Report Honor Roll Hospitals Alexander (Lex) Tartaglia, Virginia Commonwealth University (retired) and colleagues

We recently conducted in-depth interviews with the managers of the spiritual care programs at the 20 best hospitals in the U.S. Analysis will focus on similarities and differences in the range of spiritual care services they provide as well as staffing metrics.

The project includes an in-depth exploration of how the 20 programs provide spiritual care for healthcare colleagues. The project is funded by a grant from the Department of Religion, Health & Human Values, Rush University Medical Center.



Lex Tartaglia



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

Richard Stratton, Sarah Knapp, Benjamin Schaefer, Gabrielle Schwartzman, Timothy Usset, George Fitchett

The aim of this project is to inform chaplain spiritual care for staff colleagues by describing what existing research reports regarding factors associated with healthcare professionals stress and resilience. Using a scoping review method, the team summarized results from 42 articles.

Findings from the project were presented in a workshop at APC and manuscripts are in preparation. The project is one of the important collaborations between Ascension and Transforming Chaplaincy.



OnDemand Spiritual Care in Oncology

Beth Muehlhausen, Richard Stratton, Christa Chappelle, George Fitchett

Chaplains in 6 Ascension markets provided care for 27 cancer outpatients. Information collected in the project included measures of religious/spiritual struggle, chaplains' assessments of spiritual concerns, and chaplains' spiritual care activities using the Advocate Taxonomy. The project is one of the important collaborations between Ascension and Transforming Chaplaincy.

PC 7 Spiritual Assessment: Testing Validity & Reliability

Dirk Labuschagne and George Fitchett, Rush University Medical Center, Kathy Ulrich, Essentia Health, Sara Paasche-Orlow, Hebrew SeniorLife, Abraham Labrada-Santiago, Mayo Clinic, Jeanne Wirpsa, Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Steve Drennan, OSF HealthCare

Palliative care chaplains and their colleagues from five organizations are collaborating on a project to test the validity and reliability of the PC 7 model for spiritual assessment in palliative care.

The original PC 7 article was rated as one of the most read articles in 2020 in the Journal of Palliative Medicine. Funded by the Department of Religion, Health & Human Values, Rush University Medical Center

PC 7 Spiritual Assessment: Describing Unmet Spiritual Concerns

Dirk Labuschagne and George Fitchett, Rush University Medical Center, Ian Cullen, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Sarah Byrne-Martelli, Massachusetts General Hospital

Palliative care chaplains from two major medical centers are using the PC 7 to gather data to describe the prevalence of unmet spiritual concerns in patients receiving palliative care.

Screening for Religious/Spiritual Concerns in Cancer Patients

George Fitchett and Dirk Labuschagne

This pilot project will compare several models of screening for religious/spiritual concern with a standardized chaplain spiritual assessment in cancer outpatients. Funded by the Department of Religion, Health and Human Values, Rush University Medical Center.



CPE & Emotional Intelligence

Csaba Szilagyi, Howard County General Hospital, Johns Hopkins Medicine, Kristin Langstraat, Ohio Health, and Paul Galchutt, M Health Fairview, University of Minnesota Medical Center

This project is exploring the hypothesis that participation in CPE improves emotional intelligence. Thirty CPE centers are participating in the project; 160 CPE students, basic unit students and CPE residents, completed the baseline survey in the Fall 2020 and are completing follow-up surveys as they complete their training. Funded by the Foundation for ACPE.

Projects in Development

Mapping the Issues in Faith Group Endorsement for Chaplain and CPE Educator Certification **Nina Redl, Bryan Medical Center and George Fitchett**

Using a series of focus groups, the project will provide a preliminary map of the issues associated with current practices in faith group endorsement for professional chaplains and CPE Educators. Funded by the Association of Professional Chaplains and ACPE.

Mapping Spiritual Care in CommonSpirit Critical Access Hospitals

Small and critical access hospitals fill an important need in providing healthcare for people who live in small towns and rural areas of the U.S. 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. The aim of this project is to map spiritual care services in CommonSpirit's small and critical access hospitals. Funded by CommonSpirit Health.

Health and Strength: Randomized Controlled Trial of Spiritually Integrated Treatment for Moral Injury in Health Providers

Irene Harris, VA Bedford Healthcare System, Tim Usset, Physicians Wellness Collaborative and University of Minnesota School of Public Health, George Fitchett and others

We are collaborating with Irene Harris and colleagues on several proposals to test Health and Strength (HAS), a spiritually integrated, group mental health intervention for moral injury and associated mental health challenges in health providers in the COVID-19 pandemic. HAS is derived from Building Spiritual Strength (BSS), a manualized, spiritually integrated, inclusive, group designed to address moral injury and PTSD symptoms in military veterans.

Research Networks

Our Research Networks continue to be an important way in which we launch new studies about chaplaincy and disseminate information about important research in the field. We currently have 7 Networks. This includes a new Network for Spiritual Care Managers, led by Ben Schaefer, Manager of Spiritual Care for Ascension's Mid/North, and Southwest Michigan Ministries and a graduate of Transforming Chaplaincy's Certificate for Spiritual Care Management and Leadership.



In the coming months we will launch a new Network for chaplains working in aged care. It will be led by Kathryn Lyndes, Assistant Professor of Social Work and Gerontology at St. Mary's College and former Transforming Chaplaincy Project Coordinator.

Over 1,000 people participate in our Networks. Further information about the work of each of the Networks is at the end of the report (see Networks). Our Networks sponsored 12 webinars during the year; further information about those webinars is in the report on our education activities. Some highlights from our Networks include:

- The Spiritual Care Managers Network held monthly roundtables that focus on a variety of themes. Ben Schaefer, Ascension's Mid/North, and Southwest Michigan Ministries, is the Convener of the Spiritual Care Managers Network.
- The Pediatrics Research Network sponsored a chaplain case study project. Fourteen chaplains participated in one of three groups. The chaplains wrote and discussed pediatric-specific chaplaincy case studies. The Network leaders are in conversation with a publisher about publishing a book of pediatric chaplaincy case studies. Cate Michelle Desjardins, Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship, is the Convener of the Pediatrics Research Network.
- The Out-Patient Spiritual Care Research Network supported a discussion group for 16 chaplains who read and discussed articles about outpatient oncology spiritual care. Petra Sprik, Levine Cancer Institute, is the Convener of the Out-Patient Spiritual Care Research Network.



In addition to the Transforming Chaplaincy Networks we helped launch a Religion/Spirituality Special Interest Group (SIG) in the Palliative Care Research Collaborative (PCRC). The SIG is co-led by Alexia Torke, Professor of Medicine and Associate Division Chief of General Internal Medicine and Geriatrics, Indiana University School of Medicine and George Fitchett. Lexy is also a member of the Transforming Chaplaincy Advisory Committee.

During the year Nina Redl, chaplain at Bryan Medical Center, became the Transforming Chaplaincy liaison to the APC Research & Quality Committee, strengthening our communication and collaboration with APC colleagues.



Education

On-line Research Literacy Courses: RL 101, RL 102

In FY21 we had 120 participants in our 5-week introduction to research, RL 101; this includes the 48 staff chaplains from Memorial Hermann who participated in the course. This was a 200% increase in participants from FY20.

In the Fall, 2020 we also produced a video about RL 101 featuring two graduates of the course. (<https://youtu.be/8Zop8p5tDNI>). Paul Galchutt is the lead instructor for RL 101

FY21 was the first year that we offered the 10-week RL 102 course; we had a total of 29 participants. RL 102 is taught by Kim Palmer, Woodruff Health Sciences Center, Emory University (Retired), Beba Tata, Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville, and Shelley Varner-Perez, IU Health.

Mark LaRocca-Pitts, APC Board Secretary and Nina Redl wrote a column in the APC Forum about their experiences taking (respectively) RL 101 and 102



Kim Palmer, Shelley Varner-Perez, Beba Tata

(<https://www.professionalchaplains.org/content.asp?contentid=1084>).

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<https://www.transformchaplaincy.org/>



Participants gave both courses very positive evaluations. Here are some comments from a few participants about their experience in the courses.

“And thank you again for this course. I really enjoyed the journal club today and have learned so much from this course. I think it's given me more confidence and skill in accessing research. So many of us chaplains need that support!” RL 101 participant

“I am SO grateful that I went through this workshop and SO happy that I was able to learn so much! I definitely feel comfortable knowing enough from white papers that I can take something away from it, even if I don't know the deep intricacies. From a chaplain who just completed the Winter RL 101. Sign up now for upcoming sessions!” RL 101 participant

“...I have noticed an improvement in my ability to grasp the tables and the analysis with confidence...I simply feel more equipped to read and evaluate quantitative research and apply what I am reading to my daily work and projects.” RL 102 participant

	RL 101 (5 weeks)	RL 102 (10 weeks)
Summer	25	
Fall	48	13
Winter	30	
Spring	17	16
Total	120	29



Webinars

In the past 12 months we delivered 24 webinars, 12 were sponsored by our Research Networks and five were part of our Webinar Journal Club series offered through the APC.

There were over 8,000 total participants across all the webinars (see Webinars for details). In addition, our 10 most popular archived webinars had a total of 4,316 views.

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The most popular webinars during the year addressed chaplain documentation and best practices in light of new requirements for 'open notes,' two of them had over 500 participants each.

The screenshot shows a webinar interface. On the left, there are three small video thumbnails of participants. The main content area is a white slide with a black background. At the top, there are logos for Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Harvard Medical School, and OpenNotes. The title of the webinar is "Opening Up Your Notes to Patients: A Primer for Professional Healthcare Chaplains" in red and black text. Below the title, the speaker's name and credentials are listed: "Steve O'Neill, LICSW, BCD, JD, Social Work Manager, OpenNotes Program, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center". His affiliations are also listed: "Faculty, Center for Bioethics, Harvard Medical School" and "Faculty, Simmons University School of Social Work". The date "February, 2021" and the event name "Transforming Chaplaincy Webinar" are at the bottom. On the right side of the slide, there is a portrait of Steve O'Neill and his name "Steve O'Neill" written below it.

Webinars that addressed issues of staff care and factors associated with moral injury were also popular.

The screenshot shows a webinar interface. On the left, there are three small video thumbnails of participants. The main content area is a white slide with a blue background. At the top, there is a logo for the Wellness Hub Mobile App and the text "Wellness Hub Mobile App" and "Introductory Screens". Below this, there are three images showing the app's interface on a mobile device. The first image shows the app's home screen with a tree logo and the text "Wellness Hub". The second image shows a grid of icons for various services. The third image shows a list of services with buttons for each. At the bottom of the slide, there is text: "Deployed for iOS. In development for Android and for Spanish-language support" and "Hasso Plattner Institute for Digital Health at Mount Sinai and Mount Sinai COVID Informatics Center". On the right side of the slide, there is a portrait of Deb Marin and her name "Deb Marin" written below it.



During the year we offered three webinars that addressed issues of equity and inclusion in spiritual care programs as well as research about potential racial differences in spiritual care.



Several of our webinars provided an opportunity to build relationships with leading researchers in palliative care and cancer care.

Certificate in Spiritual Care Management & Leadership

The Certificate is offered by Transforming Chaplaincy in conjunction with colleagues in Rush University's award-winning Department of Health Systems Management (HSM). Due to the pandemic we did not offer the Certificate in FY21. The 9-month, hybrid Certificate, with an updated curriculum, will be offered beginning in September 2021.

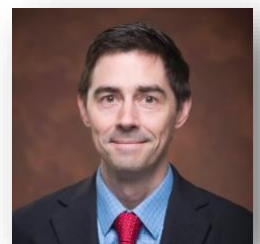
LaVera Crawley, an ACPE certified Educator and Director of Spiritual Care and Clinical Pastoral Education at the California Pacific Medical Center will co-teach the Certificate with Andy Garman, a Professor in Rush's HSM department.



LaVera Crawley

Chaplain Research Summer Institute (CRSI)

Our week-long Chaplain Research Summer Institute (CRSI; aka Research Summer Camp) has been on hold due to the pandemic. We plan to offer it again in the summer of 2022. The past year saw publications from two former CRSI participants: Liz Hamill Howard and Peggy Thompson (see Publications).



Andy Garman



Research Literacy for CPE

During the year we initiated planning for an online research literacy course for use in CPE Residency programs. Csaba Szilagyi, CPE Educator and Director, Spiritual Care & Chaplaincy, Howard County General Hospital, is coordinating the planning of the course which will be available for use in 2022.

Spiritual Care Week, October 24-30, 2021

This year's theme for Spiritual Care Week is "Advancing Spiritual Care Through Research." To help spiritual care department celebrate Spiritual Care Week, Transforming Chaplaincy is preparing a series of webinars. We are also preparing brief Highlights from Spiritual Care Research that spiritual care programs can share with the colleagues in their institutions.

Development and Communications

Development – New Partnerships

Our multi-year partnership with Ascension provides support for many essential elements of the Transforming Chaplaincy program. However, we need additional resources to advance research that describes the work that chaplains do and how that work improves the lives of the patients, families and staff whom we serve.

In the past year we initiated a campaign to develop new partnerships with medical centers and healthcare systems. Our goal is to double the resources available to support Transforming Chaplaincy's research efforts.

Communications

The Transforming Chaplaincy newsletter goes to 2,365 people each month. As shown in the table, many people are using our website and we have a growing presence in social media.

	FY20	FY21
Website pageviews	45,571	45,892
Newsletter subscribers	2,028	2,365
Twitter impressions/month	3,797	5,534



Gratitude for our Partners and Collaborators

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

Transforming Chaplaincy Partners

Ascension
Rush University Medical Center



Ascension



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Rush University Medical Center

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Indiana University Health, Regenstrief Institute

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Penn Presbyterian Medical Center



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Daniel Grossoehme
Akron Children's Hospital

Katherine Piderman
Mayo Clinic, Rochester (Retired)

Alexander Tartaglia
Virginia Commonwealth University (Retired)

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Christina Shu
Cedars-Sinai Medical Center
M. Jeanne Wirpsa
Northwestern Memorial Hospital

Chronic Illness/Disease Research Network

Geila Rajae, PhD Student
School of Public Health University of Michigan

Hospice-Palliative Spiritual Care Research Network

Paul Galchutt
M Health Fairview, University of Minnesota Medical Center

Outpatient Spiritual Care Research

Petra Sprik
Levine Cancer Center, Atrium Health

Pediatric Research

Cate Michelle Desjardins
Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship

PTSD, Moral Injury & Spiritual Distress

Timothy Usset, PhD Student
University of Minnesota School of Public Health and Physicians Wellness Collaborative

Spiritual Care Management

Benjamin Schaefer
Spiritual Care for Ascension's Mid/North, and Southwest Michigan Ministries



Instructors:

Research Literacy 101: An Introduction for Chaplains

Paul Galchutt

M Health Fairview, University of Minnesota Medical Center

Research Literacy 102: A Deeper Exploration for Chaplains

Patricia Palmer

Woodruff Health Sciences Center, Emory University (Retired)

Beba Tata

Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville

Shelley Varner-Perez

Indiana University Health

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Howard County General Hospital, Johns Hopkins Medicine



APC Webinar Journal Club

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Dirk Labuschagne, Rush University Medical Center

Systemic Racism in Chaplaincy: Opportunities to Change the Narrative

Marilyn Barnes, Department of Patient Counseling, Virginia Commonwealth University
Kelsey White, PhD Student, Department of Health Management and System Sciences, University of Louisville
Danielle Buhuro, Advocate Aurora Health
Beba Tata, Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville
Brian Wilson, Norton Healthcare

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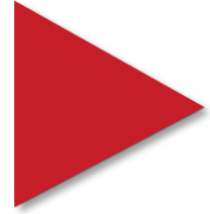
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Chaplains and Telechaplancy: Best Practices, Strengths, Weaknesses – A National Study

Petra Sprik, Levine Cancer Center, Atrium Health

Mapping Spiritual and Religious Resources for Residents in Long-Term Care Facilities: A Pilot Study

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Dirk Labuschagne, Rush University Medical Center

Mapping Spiritual Care in CommonSpirit Critical Access Hospitals

George Fitchett, Rush University Medical Center



Interprofessional Preferences for Inpatient Palliative Chaplain Spiritual Assessment Documentation

Paul Galchutt, M Health Fairview, University of Minnesota Medical Center

Mapping the Issues in Faith Group Endorsement for Chaplain and CPE Educator Certification

Nina Redl, Bryan Health

George Fitchett, Rush University Medical Center

Strength and Health

Irene Harris, Social and Community Reintegration Research Center, VA Bedford Health Care System

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Promoting Research Literacy for Improved Patient Outcomes

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The screenshot shows the homepage of the Transforming Chaplaincy website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the site's name and a search icon. Below the navigation bar is a large blue banner featuring a photograph of a healthcare professional in a white coat attending to a patient in a hospital bed, with a woman standing by the side. To the right of the photo, there is text describing the organization's mission and a 'CONTACT US' button. Below the banner, there are two columns for user selection: 'I AM A...' followed by 'CHAPLAIN' and 'EDUCATOR', each with a red circular icon and a list of three options: 'I'm just getting started', 'I want to take my research further', and 'I want to search for resources'.



Appendices



FY21 Publications Related to Transforming Chaplaincy

Peer-reviewed Publications	
Managing Spiritual Care	<p>Kim, D. H., Fitchett, G., Anderson, J. L., & Garman, A. N. (2020). Management and leadership competencies among spiritual care managers. <i>Journal of Health Care Chaplaincy</i>, 1–10. https://doi.org/10.1080/08854726.2020.1796076</p>
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Presentations at the Association of Professional Chaplains (APC) Annual Meeting, June 2021

Plenary Session

SATURDAY, JUNE 12th

11:15 AM-12:45 PM CT

Cate Michelle Desjardins, Adam Ruiz, Alyssa Foll, Amy Karriker, Nina Redl, Brenda Walls

In Their Own Words: Chaplains' Stories of Courage, Creativity and Compassion in the Covid-19 Pandemic
As every chaplain knows, providing spiritual care in the midst of the first wave of Covid-19 was a tremendous challenge. Chaplains around the country rose to meet that challenge in creative and compassionate ways. At the request of Transforming Chaplaincy and Ascension Health between March and June 2020, a diverse group of chaplains working in different contexts across the country kept journals about their work. In this plenary session we will share moving and inspiring stories from these chaplains about their care in the first wave of the pandemic.

Professional Development Intensive Workshops

WED., JUNE 9th

8:00 AM-12:00 PM CT

PDW.02 Chaplaincy Creativity & Resiliency: Lessons from the Pandemic Moving the Profession Forward
Beth Muehlhausen, Paul Galchutt, Kelsey White, Cate Michelle Desjardins, Beba Tata, George Fitchett.

Transforming Chaplaincy & Ascension collaborated on two research projects to capture chaplaincy's response to the pandemic. Chaplains were asked to keep a journal from March - June, 2020 of their experiences providing spiritual care. Secondly, 4 sets of interviews were conducted from April - December, 2020, with spiritual care directors capturing various hospital markets' response from acute to chronic phases of the pandemic. Patterns of creativity & resiliency emerged from both projects. Stories will be shared as presenters describe the various stages of seeing an idea through to a completed research project. Lessons learned from the innovative ways chaplaincy responded to the pandemic have the potential to continue moving the profession forward into a exciting future within the profession.

THURS., JUNE 10th

8:00 AM-12:00 PM CT

PDT.02 All Research Is Local: Creating an Agenda and Finding Support for Your Spiritual Care Research
Paul Galchutt, Shelley Varner-Perez, Cate Michelle Desjardins, Beba Tata, Allison Delaney, Dirk Labuschagne, Beth Muehlhausen, Timothy Usset, Kim Palmer, George Fitchett.

Chaplains are story people. Always have been. Always will be. Through research we seek to tell the story of the knowledge created through it. Through this intensive, chaplains will learn core knowledge about the chaplain researcher role, the collaborative effort it takes to endeavor into research, and will walk away with skills about how to disseminate research as well as to begin to develop ideas into possible research projects.



90-minute Workshops

THURS., JUNE 10th

4:15 PM-5:45 PM CT

TH1.02 An Emerging Best Practice: the Cross-Language Chaplaincy Introduction Tool

Joel Nightingale Berning, Emilee Walker-Cornetta

Chaplains in North America may be systemically providing substandard spiritual care to patients and families with limited English proficiency. With the help of an APC pilot grant, administered through Transforming Chaplaincy, we have been developing and testing written, culturally-tailored introductions to chaplaincy in twenty languages. This overdue resource aims to ease routine introductory visits across language differences and enable recipients to more knowledgeably choose whether they would like to receive further chaplaincy via an interpreter. We will provide access this tool to all workshop participants, free of charge.

THURS., JUNE 10th

4:15 PM-5:45 PM CT

TH1.04 "I can't see silence": Qualitative interviews about the experiences and insights of inpatient palliative care chaplains during the COVID-19 pandemic

Paul Galchutt, Dirk Labuschagne, Timothy Usset

In late April/early May 2020, 60,000 people were confirmed dead from COVID-19. At this time, an original qualitative research investigation was conducted featuring semi-structured interviews with ten inpatient palliative care chaplains around the United States. As they reflected on their context, these chaplains shared their insights about the patient and family experience concerning visitor restrictions, religious struggle, spiritual distress, and decision-making. These palliative care chaplains also shared their perspectives about how their practice had changed, the professional pressures they experienced, and how they bore witness to moral injury, moral distress and dimensions of burnout.

FRIDAY, JUNE 11th

11:15 AM-12:45 PM CT

FR1.04 This Ship Is Sailing: Transforming Chaplaincy Research Networks Have Launched. What We're Doing. What's Changed. What's Next.

Paul Galchutt, Cate Michelle Desjardins, Timothy Usset, Jeanne Wirpsa, Geila Rajae, Benjamin Schaefer, Christina Shu, Petra Sprik, George Fitchett.

The aim of the Transforming Chaplaincy research networks is to bring together people who can plan and execute research to advance (strengthen) spiritual care in general and in specific clinical contexts. The networks are places for sharing information and ideas about research. George Fitchett, Director of Transforming Chaplaincy, along with the chaplain researchers convening these networks will be a part of a panel presenting on and discussing these networks focused on: palliative care; veterans care, moral injury; pediatrics; chronic conditions; outpatient/oncology; chaplain functions; management. Workshop participants will also be able to join a network.



SATURDAY, JUNE 12th

9:30 AM-11:00 AM CT

SA1.09 What Do Healthcare Professional Staff Need from Chaplains?

Greg Stratton, Timothy Usset, Sarah Knapp, Gabrielle Schwartzman, Sunil Yadav, George Fitchett

A team of chaplaincy researchers wondered what healthcare professionals (HCP) really need from chaplains, conducted a scoping review asking the question: What does the existing research tell us about factors associated with HCP stress and HCP resilience? The team found that these factors were indicators that helped answer a secondary question: Which of these factors appear to be targets for chaplain intervention?

SATURDAY, JUNE 12th

9:30 AM-11:00 AM CT

SA1.10 Board Certification of Professional Chaplains: A Qualitative Study of Stakeholder... (R)

Kelsey White, Ryan Combs

This session will report on the qualitative research project conducted by the Center for Health Organization Transformation at the University of Louisville, APC, and NACC. Researchers at UofL interviewed 50 chaplains: 20 who sought certification in the past 2 years (10 certified, 10 not certified), 10 certification committee members, 10 certification committee members, 10 chaplains with 7+ years of experience, and 10 chaplain managers. The results of the qualitative analysis will be reported alongside results of a secondary analysis. The secondary analysis examined perspectives about the value of certification and competence according to gender identity.

SATURDAY, JUNE 12th

2:15 PM-3:45 PM CT

SA2.06 On Demand Spiritual Care with Oncology Patients (R)

Beth Muehlhausen, Christa Chappelle

Ascension has developed "On Demand Spiritual Care" which uses technologies and methods that connect people across physical distances in order to provide spiritual care in all settings across the continuum of care. This workshop will share findings from a system-wide spiritual care research project (5 states/6 hospitals) designed to learn how chaplain interventions using on demand technologies affected the religious/spiritual well being of patients with some form of cancer.

Findings will be shared regarding the level of religious/spiritual well being identified by the patients at the beginning and end of the study. Common patterns and themes that emerged from interviews with patients will be discussed. Implications for addressing the religious/spiritual needs of outpatient oncology patients will be discussed.



FY21 Transforming Chaplaincy-Related Webinars

Date	Title	Presenters and Hosts	Sponsors	Attendance
July 30, 2020	Spiritual Care in Healthcare: Identifying Decision Makers' Perspectives	Presenters: Wendy Cadge, Aja Antoine Respondents: Laura Kowalczyk, Kelsey White, Ben Schaefer, George Fitchett	CIL, TC	383
September 3, 2020	Mitigating Poor Bereavement Outcomes and Supporting Staff during COVID-19	Host: George Fitchett Presenters: Lucy Selman, Shelley Varner-Perez	TC, CIL	321
September 9, 2020	Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Spiritual Care	Presenters: Tammerie Day, Danielle Buhuro, Marilyn Barnes, Jose Cedillo, Wendy Cadge, Pam Lazor, Kelsey White Moderator: Christina Shu	Cedars-Sinai, CIL, TC	322
September 15, 2020	Adolescents, Anxiety, Behavioral Health, and Mindfulness Meditation: Intersection, Intervention, Possibilities	Hosts: WJC Team (Shelley, Cate, Marilyn) Guest: Harrison Blum	APC, WJC	79
October 6, 2020	This Narrow Space with Elisha Waldman, MD, FAAHPM	Hosts: Paul Galchutt, Michael Doane, Bradley Benson Presenters: Elisha Waldman	TC HPSCRN, M Health Fairview, Univ. of Minnesota	145
October 19, 2020	Supporting Staff Well-Being in the COVID-19 Era: A Conversation with Deborah Marin, MD	Hosts: Ben Schaefer, George Fitchett Presenters: Deb Marin, Andrew Garman	TC SCMN, CIL, Luce Foundation	370
November 10, 2020	Theodicy and Spiritual Distress: Implications for Chaplaincy Practice	Hosts: WJC Team (Shelley, Cate, Marilyn) Guest: J. Irene Harris & Timothy Usset	APC, WJC	72
November 19, 2020	"Okay, so he has some religious beliefs": Spiritual Care in Palliative Care Research - Natalie Ernecoff, PhD & Joe Rotella, MD	Host: Paul Galchutt Presenters: Natalie Ernecoff, Joe Rotella	TC HPSCRN, TC	208
December 1, 2020	Racial Differences in Spiritual Care: Existing Evidence and Future Research	Presenters: George Fitchett, LaVera Crawley, Kelsey White Moderator: Christina Shu	CIL & TC	319



December 15, 2020	Spiritual Care for Patients with Cancer: What We Can Learn from Big Data	Host: Petra Sprik Presenters: Elizabeth Palmer Kelly, Hanci Newberry, Timothy Pawlik, Kelsey White	TC Outpatient RN, TC, CIL	266
January 6, 2021	Psychospiritual Developmental Risk Factors for Moral Injury	Presenters: Irene Harris, PhD & Timothy Usset, MDiv, MPH Host: George Fitchett	TC & PTSD, Moral Injury & Spiritual Distress	Registered: 820 Attended: 461
January 11, 2021	Chaplain Documentation: A Review of Charting Spiritual Care: The Emerging Role of Chaplaincy Records in Global Health Care	Presenters: Prof. Dr. Simon Peng-Keller and Pascal Mösl Hosts, Facilitators: Jeanne Wirpsa, Christina Shu	TC & Chaplaincy Functions Research network	Registered: 960 Attended: 549
February 3, 2021	Opening Up Your Notes to Patients: A Primer for Professional Healthcare Chaplains	Presenter: Steve O'Neill, LICSW, BCD, JD Host: Jeanne Wirpsa	TC & Chaplaincy Functions Research network	Registered: 652 Attended: 331
February 9, 2021	Utilizing a Novel Intervention: The Spiritual Legacy Document (SLD) for Patients with Advanced Diseases	Hosts: WJC Team (Shelley, Cate, Marilyn) Guest: Katherine Piderman	APC, WJC	Registered: 51
February 16, 2021	Religiousness and Vaccine Hesitancy: Implications for Faith Leaders and Chaplains	Presenter: Ayokunle Olagoke Respondents: Saneta Maiko, Mishca Smith Host: Jeanne Wirpsa	TC, Chaplaincy Functions Research Network & CIL	Registered: 396 Attended: 203
February 22, 2021	What happened to Chaplains during the Pandemic? An International Perspective	Presenters: Austyn Snowden, Anne Vandenhoeck	ERICH, TC & CIL	Registered: 487 Attended: 307






March 10, 2021	Opening Up Chaplaincy Notes: “Best” Practices & Research Opportunities (Open Notes Part II)	Presenters: Sarah Byrne-Martelli, Paul Galchutt, Benjamin Schaefer, Csaba Szilagyi, Christina Shu, Tim Weidlich, Jeanne Wirpsa	TC & Chaplaincy Functions Research network	Registered: 1,187 Attended: 529
March 26, 2021	Q&A Only for attendees of Opening Up Chaplaincy Notes: “Best” Practices & Research Opportunities (Open Notes Part III)	Presenters: Jeanne Wirpsa, Christina Shu, Sarah Byrne-Martelli, Paul Galchutt	TC & Chaplaincy Functions Research network	Registered: 196 Attended: 93
April 12, 2021	What is Your Theory of Chaplaincy?	Presenters: Judith R. Ragsdale, Cate Michelle Desjardins Respondents: Laurie Garrett-Cobbina, Steve Nolan Moderator: Jana Troutman-Miller	TC	Registered: 423 Attended: 262
April 20, 2021	The Chaplain Family Project: Development, Feasibility, and Acceptability of an Intervention to Improve Spiritual Care of Family Surrogates	Hosts: WJC Team (Shelley, Cate, Marilyn)	APC, WJC	Registered: 70
April 21, 2021	Spiritual Care: Voices for Diversity in our Departments and Organizations	Presenters: Antonina Olszewski and Pam Lazar Host: Benjamin Schaefer	TC & Spiritual Care Managers Network	Registered: 276 Attended: 146
May 6, 2021	Divine Flatline: Is God Dead in the ICU?	Presenter: Philp Choi Respondent: Alexia Torke Host: Paul Galchutt	TC & HPSCRN	Registered: 437 Attended: 163
May 6, 2021	Three New Studies on Spirituality and Religion in Palliative Care: The Spirituality and Religion Special Interest Group (SIG) Kickoff Webinar	Presenters: Shelley Varner Perez, Paul Galchutt, Daniel Grosseohme Discussants: Lexy Torke, George Fitchett, Betty Ferrell	PCRC	Attended: 159



<p>June 22, 2021</p>	<p>What Characteristics of Physicians Lead to Empathy and Integrating Religion and Spirituality with Patient Care? Learning from a Survey of North American Muslim Physicians</p>	<p>Hosts: WJC Team (Shelley, Cate, Marilyn) Guest: Aasim Padela</p>	<p>APC, WJC</p>	<p>Registered: 65</p>
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NEWS

Does Faith Concordance Matter? A Comparison of Clients' Perceptions in Same Versus Interfaith Spiritual Care Encounters with Chaplains in Hospitals – Christina Shu

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Chaplaincy Innovations – George Fitchett


JULY 15, 2021 NEWS

It seems like every few months there is a new report of a chaplaincy intervention. Several months ago I began keeping a list of them. Currently I have ten interventions on my list. You may [...]


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The North American Hindu Chaplains Association (NAHCA) presents their Annual Conference (held virtually) "Presence and Possibility" on September 25-26, 2021: <https://www.hinduchaplains.com/annual-conference.html>

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Thanks for reading and sharing this article, it's amazing to think of everyone it's reached. I hope it's helped some people create a space for grief in clinical practice. https://twitter.com/bmj_latest/status/1428673458205036553

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APC 2021 Chaplain Symposium – Early Bird Registration Ends Soon! – <https://mailchi.mp/apcmail/apc-2020-chaplain-symposium-regis...>

18 Aug 

Timely webinar from our friends [@ChaplainLab](#) !

17 Aug 

New to **#opennotes?**
Here are 12 publications that may help health professionals gain deeper understanding of this new practice... and its effects.
<https://www.opennotes.org/news/twelve-wide-ranging-publications-addressing-research-best>


TRANSFORMING CHAPLAINCY



Transforming Chaplaincy Research Networks, FY 21 Report

Hospice-Palliative Spiritual Care

Paul Galchutt Convener Hospice and palliative spiritual care research across multiple settings/contexts
608 Members

July-December

- Webinars: "Okay, so he has some religious beliefs": Spiritual Care in Palliative Care Research featuring Natalie Ernecoff, PhD, MPH and Joe Rotella, MD, MBA
- Office Hours: A monthly opportunity for HPSCRN members to spend unscripted time with a palliative spiritual care researcher. George Fitchett kicks off the first session.
- Steering Committee: Continues to meet 3x/year
- Convener Note: Paul is lead presenter among two other research chaplains (Dirk Labuschagne and Tim Usset) offering a poster presentation at the 2021 American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine Annual Assembly in February.

January-June

- Webinar: May 6 - Divine Flatline: Is God Dead in the ICU? Featuring Drs. Phil Choi, MD, MA and Alexia Torke, MD, MS
- Office Hours: A chaplaincy researcher was featured 4 out of 5 months. Conversations were hosted. The Office Hours included
 - January – George Fitchett
 - February – Kate Piderman
 - April – Allison Kestenbaum
 - May – Renske Kruizinga
- Steering Committee: Now meeting approximately 2x/year.
- Bereavement Coordinator: Exploring conversation with bereavement coordinators situated in a variety of settings – hospital, hospice, and long-term care.
- Convener Note: Paul was a part of four presentations at the APC annual conference hosted in June.

PTSD, Moral Injury & Spiritual Distress

Exploring the existential aspects of trauma across numerous contexts

Tim Usset Convener

117 Members

July-December

- Convener Publications: Usset, T. J., Gray, E., Griffin, B. J., Currier, J. M., Kopacz, M. S., Wilhelm, J. H., & Harris, J. I. (2020). Psychospiritual Developmental Risk Factors for Moral Injury. *Religions*, 11(10), 484.



Usset, T. J., Butler, M., & Harris, J.I. (2020). Building spiritual strength: A group treatment for posttraumatic stress disorder, moral injury, and spiritual distress. J. Currier, K. Drescher, & J. Nieuwsma (Eds.), Addressing moral injury in clinical practice. Washington DC: American Psychological Association.

January-June

- Convener Webinar: APC Webinar Journal Club, 01/10/21, Theodicy and Spiritual Distress: Implications for Chaplaincy Practice with J. Irene Harris, PhD
- Convener Members of the network are preparing grant applications to fund a clinical trial to adapt Building Spiritual Strength for use with healthcare professionals

Pediatric Research Network

Fostering Transformative Research in Pediatric Spiritual Care

Cate Desjardins Convener

103 Members

July-December

- Completed Case Study Project, 3 group with 14 total participants writing and discussing Pediatric-specific chaplaincy case studies.
- Proposed new Pediatric Chaplaincy Case Study Book to publisher). Accepted pending
- finalization of details. Cate Desjardins and Paul Nash to edit.
- Steering Committee to begin secondary analysis of Pediatric Chaplain Covid-19 Journals, collected through a separate TC sponsored project.
- Webinar on Case Study Research in Pediatrics with Elizabeth Bryson, planning for April or May.
- APC-Sponsored Webinar, “Best Recent Papers in Pediatric Chaplaincy” planned for 2021.

January-June

- Publications: Judith R. Ragsdale & Cate Michelle Desjardins (2020) Proposing religiously informed, relationally skillful chaplaincy theory, Journal of Health Care Chaplaincy, DOI: 10.1080/08854726.2020.1861533
- Recruited and collected 5 further Pediatric chaplains’ journals for longitudinal and thematic analysis with previously collected pediatric journals through another TC funded project. “Distinctiveness of Pediatric Chaplains’ Experiences during Covid-19”.
- Continuing to work on book of Pediatric Case Studies. Paul and Sally Nash, Patrick Jinks, and Cate Desjardins to edit.
- May. APC-Sponsored Webinar, “Best Recent Papers in Pediatric Chaplaincy” planned for 2021. May: APC-Sponsored
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Outpatient Spiritual Care Research

Focus on outpatient settings and oncology

Petra Sprik Convener

92 Members



July-December

Connected chaplain participants to resources regarding telechaplancy in the midst of COVID-19

16 people in outpatient oncology research small group:

- Met monthly since June
- Read articles about outpatient oncology spiritual care and discuss

6 people in outpatient primary care research small group:

- Met monthly since June
- Read articles about spiritual care research and discuss individual projects

Attempted co-led small group for palliative care: only 4 voiced interest and very different contexts

- Decided connecting to larger palliative group was more beneficial

Led Webinar in December with Ohio State Group

- Began fostering relationships with this group

Spiritual Distress Screening Webinar with Stephen King postponed due to COVID-19

Spiritual Care Management

Benjamin Schaefer Convener

33 Members

July-December

New network was started in August 2020. It grew out of the alumni of the Certificate in Spiritual Care Management and Leadership

- Working to get word out about the new network
- Network was added to the TC website
- Announcement in TC newsletter
- Working to network and connect with spiritual care leaders via LinkedIn with positive results
- Holding monthly leadership roundtables focusing on a variety of themes:
 - Care of staff
 - Self-care
 - Open charting
 - Covid impact on spiritual care



- Spiritual Care's role and responsibility in promoting diversity and inclusion in the culture of our institutions.
- Held webinar: Supporting Staff Well Being in the COVID 19 Era: A Conversation with Deborah Marin, MD.
- Attended by over 350 people

In the process of developing more webinars: Early spring we plan on having one on Spiritual Care's role and responsibility in promoting diversity and inclusion in the culture of our institutions.

January-June

Held webinar - Spiritual Care: Voices for Diversity in our Departments and Organizations. With Antonina Olszewski and Pamela Lazor

In the process of developing more webinars. One in the planning stages will be looking at the results of an upcoming article on what healthcare professionals need to prevent burnout and promote resilience and the role Spiritual Care leaders can play in promoting organizational change.

- Ben as convenor has also engaged in one on one and small group conversations about Spiritual Care departments and promoting professionalism, continuing education, and research around leadership in spiritual care.
- The TC presentation "The Ship is Sailing" at the Association of Professional Chaplains' conference went well and Ben had several people reach out for continued conversation about the network and leadership in Spiritual Care

Chronic Illness/Disease Research (CIDRN)

Exploring preventative and supportive chaplaincy research in the area of chronic disease/illness

Geila Rajae

63 Members

July-December

- Progress has been slow due to demands of doctoral program. Inviting chaplains and looking for non-chaplains
- Convener attending SBM, April 2020, courtesy of UMich (cancelled). Held webinar - Spiritual Care: Voices for Diversity in our Departments and Organizations. With Antonina Olszewski and Pamela Lazor
- In the process of developing more webinars.
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- Ben as convenor has also engaged in one on one and small group conversations about Spiritual Care departments and promoting professionalism, continuing education, and research around leadership in spiritual care.



- The TC presentation "The Ship is Sailing" at the Association of Professional Chaplains' conference went well and Ben had several people reach out for continued conversation about the network and leadership in Spiritual Care

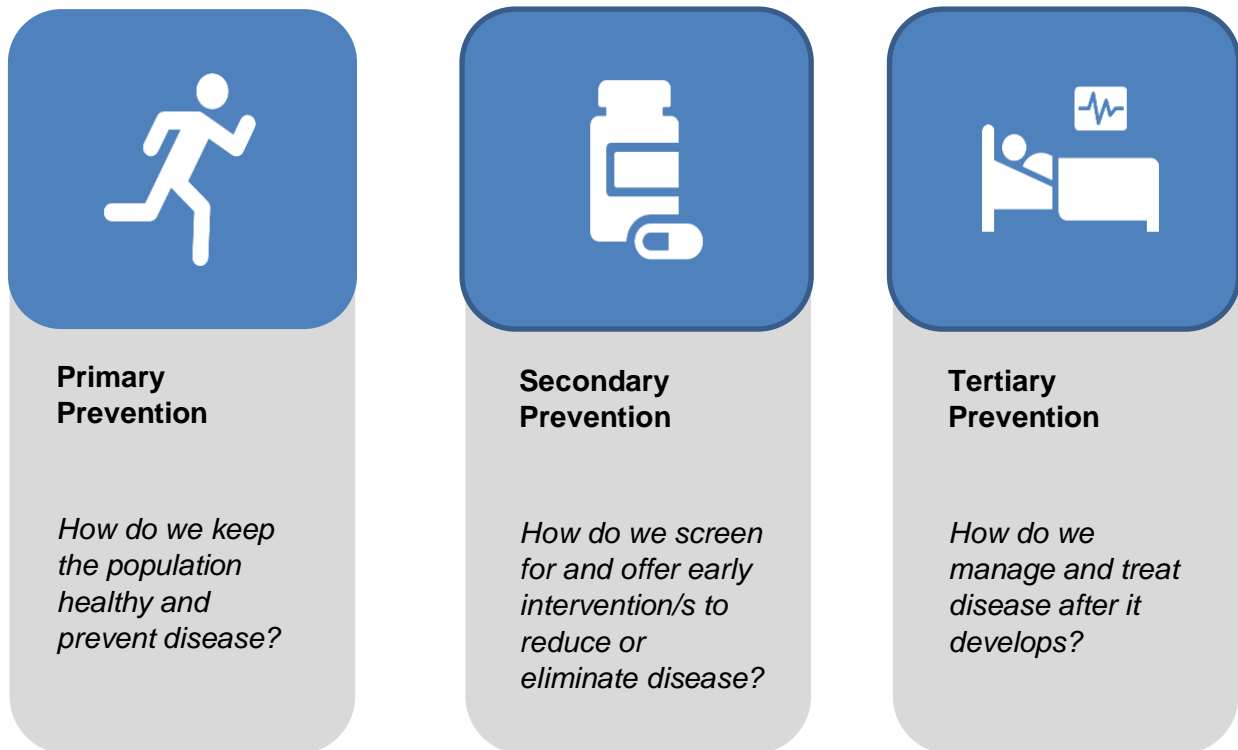
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Presently, chaplains are typically involved at the tertiary level – providing support to individuals and families as they manage and cope with their disease/s and treatment processes.

Levels of Prevention in Public Health



CIDRN is still in development as a research network, but I have narrowed our focus to both primary and secondary prevention in these past six months. General primary and specialty care are areas of opportunity and growth for engagement and research for healthcare chaplains. Moving forward, I am



seeking a co-chair to help guide this research network and create a leadership structure to help facilitate the growth of this area of research for chaplaincy care.

Chaplaincy Functions Research

Focused on activities & functions of professional chaplaincy (documentation, screening & assessment, staff care, medical decision-making)

Jeanne Wirpsa & Christina Shu Conveners

137 Members

July-December

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Webinars

2/3/21 Opening Up Your Notes to Patients: A Primer for Professional Healthcare Chaplains

3/10/21 Open Notes: Best Practices and Research Opportunities

3/26/21 Q&A Open Notes

Following release of Open Notes, many institutions noted that chaplain notes were not released. Subsequent meetings pivoted to gather those interested in documentation research in the following areas: palliative care documentation, hospice documentation, teaching documentation and interdisciplinary team perspectives on chaplaincy documentation. Research questions include finding current practices for content, format, and expectations in each context, and asking IDT members about their experience of chaplain notes.

Identified collaboration with Karen Terry at Mount Sinai’s research survey on chaplain documentation, and created focus group to assist in survey development and feasibility of using survey at other institutions.

Identified European colleagues as partners in creating a series of case studies published as journal articles and/or book. Draft of project and invitation for submission of cases to be circulated end of summer.

Cases will include de-identified documentation by chaplain after each visit segment with reflection process of extraction from visit to note. Solicit non-chaplains to review visit entries and documentation – provide input on comprehension, usefulness to patient/family care, and suggestions for improvement.

Medical Decision Making:

Planned webinar in Fall, 2021 “Chaplain role in advance care planning: Applying research to our practice.”



Chaplain care to LEP patients: Contacted creators of culturally and linguistically sensitive toolkit for introducing spiritual care as f/u to their request for partners in research. Plan: Support them in identifying who is using their resource and moving research project forward.

Spiritual Assessment: Fall 2021 proposal to survey chaplains on current models in use as first step toward research project to develop evidence-based models.



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