

THE 31ST ANNUAL NURSING CONFERENCE

BUILDING BRIDGES AT THE END OF LIFE

Communication, Care, and Meaning

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2023

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Program Objectives

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The Institute for Spirituality and Health has affirmed the values of faith, spirituality and compassion for the benefit of patients, families and healthcare providers for over 60 years.

7:30 am - Registration, Networking, and Light Breakfast

8:00 am - Conference Welcome

Stuart Nelson, Acting President, Institute for Spirituality and Health

8:10 am - Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Kelly Brassil, PhD, RN, AOCNS, ACNS-BC, CNL

8:15 pm - KEYNOTE

Reflections on the Bridge Over Healthcare's Troubled Water

Deborah Boyle, MSN, RN, AOCNS-Emeritus, FAAN

9:30 am - Break

9:45 am - Lyonsheart: Theology of Love and Grief at the End of Life

Luke O'Connell, MPhil

10:30 am - This is No Ordinary Love

Gale Kennebrew, D.Min., BCC, ACPE

11:30 am - Lunch Break

12:15 pm - PANEL DISCUSSION

Panel Discussion: End of Life Care Approaches Across Faith Traditions

Moderator: Virgil Fry, DMin, Director of the Interfaith Spiritual Care Coalition

1:15pm - Break

1:30 pm - REFLECTIVE DISCUSSION

Conversation featuring insights and observations from invited speakers

2:30 pm - Presentation of Spirituality in Nursing Awards

3:00 pm - Blessing of the Hands

3:25 pm - Program Evaluations/Certificate of Attendance/Conference

3:30 pm - Conference Concludes

Featured Speakers

REFLECTIONS ON THE BRIDGE OVER HEALTHCARE'S TROUBLED WATER Debi Boyle MSN, RN, AOCNS® -Emeritus, FAAN



Debi is a long-tenured Oncology Clinical Nurse Specialist and member of the Oncology Nursing Society who has recognized her many contributions with numerous awards for her excellence in clinical practice, writing, promotion of quality of life, and provision of psychosocial care. Most recently, ONS honored her with the prestigious '2023 Lifetime Achievement Award'.

Debi is the author of over 300 publications and five books and is a frequent speaker nationally and internationally. Since 2016 she also has been a volunteer with the organization Health Volunteers Overseas where she has taught oncology and palliative care nursing to colleagues in Vietnam, Honduras, Bhutan, and most recently Kenya. She is commonly referred to as a 'Nurse's Nurse' and is known for her thought-provoking presentations which uniquely blend creativity, real-world experience, humor, and practical advice.

LYONSHEART: THEOLOGY OF LOVE AND GRIEF AT THE END OF LIFE Luke Patrick O'Connell, PhD



Luke Patrick O'Connell is a teacher of philosophy and theology over nearly two decades at college preparatory schools and St. Bonaventure College in Lusaka Zambia, Regis University in Denver, and Georgetown University in Washington D.C. Recent presentations range from educational theory "Faith and Rhetoric in John Henry Newman: Students in the Public Forum" at the June 2023 13th Annual Conference on Religion in Society Athens, Greece to "Stranger Things: Should Christians Have Best Friends?" – 2019 Fall Conference Notre Dame's De Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture. At the heart of his teaching and courses on theology, bioethics, and social justice lies an invitation to consider existential themes central to the human person.

THIS IS NO ORDINARY LOVE Rev. Dr. Gale Francine Kennebrew



The Reverend Dr. Gale Kennebrew is the Director of Spiritual Care and Education at MD Anderson Cancer Center. She is certified as a chaplain with the Association of Professional Chaplains and a chaplain educator with the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc. She is a graduate of MD Anderson's Leadership Institute CoachRICE, a Leadership Coaching Program in partnership with Rice University Doerr Institute for Leaders. She has been with MD Anderson for ten years. Prior to that, she directed chaplaincy departments for two faith-based healthcare systems: Methodist Healthcare in Memphis, Tennessee, and Advocate Health Care in her hometown of Chicago, Illinois. She has also focused

on end-of-life care with hospice and palliative care healthcare organizations in Tampa, Florida.

Dr. Kennebrew earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communication from Columbia College Chicago, Master of Divinity from the Chicago Theological Seminary, and Doctor of Ministry Degree from United Theological Seminary in Ohio with an emphasis on the integration of faith values in healthcare. She is an ordained minister by the United Church of Christ and has traveled nationally and internationally teaching and lecturing on spirituality and healthcare.

Panel Discussion

End of Life Care Approaches Across Faith Traditions

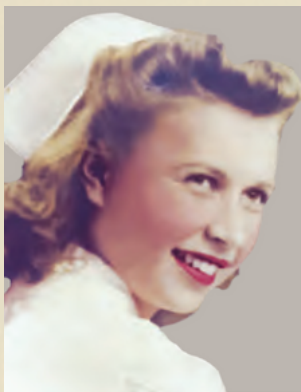


Moderated by Virgil Fry, DMin, Director of the Interfaith Spiritual Care Coalition, a program of the Institute for Spirituality and Health. Dr. Fry served as Executive Director for Lifeline Chaplaincy for 36 years. He is author of two books, *Disrupted: Finding God in Illness and Loss*, and *Rekindled: Warmed by Fires of Hope* (Leafwood, 2007). He serves as adjunct graduate professor for Abilene Christian and Pepperdine Universities, and is a frequent presenter for community and chaplaincy sessions on effective

ministry with the seriously ill and grieving. Dr. Fry serves as adjunct graduate professor for Abilene Christian and Pepperdine Universities, and is a frequent presenter for community and chaplaincy sessions on effective ministry with the seriously ill and grieving.

He will be joined by faith leaders from across world religious traditions for this special panel discussion.

The Emma Josephine Loeffelholz McMorris RN Spirituality Award



CRITERIA:

SPIRITUALITY | Demonstrates an awareness of the value of spirituality in healthcare.

COMPASSION | Demonstrates empathy with regard to all levels of diversity in others.

COMMUNICATION | Demonstrates the ability to communicate the value of respecting the spiritual beliefs and practices of others.

COMMITMENT | Devotes self to the caring of body, mind and spirit.

Emma Josephine Loeffelholz McMorris lived a vibrant life for 35 years, but the advances in early detection of breast cancer were not available in 1958 when she passed away one month after diagnosis. As a young woman, Emma was a bright scholar, a tennis player and loved the Opera, performing in her high school Operetta in 1938. She was a 1943 graduate of the school of nursing at St. Anthony's Hospital, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and served as a member of the Oklahoma Nurses Association and a member of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority. With the call for nurses during World War II, Emma willingly contributed her skills by joining and serving as an Ensign in the Navy Nurses Corps in the Naval Hospital at San Diego, California from November, 1944 to January, 1946. It was there, while caring for the wounded soldiers, she met Marine Sgt. Sheridan Andrew McMorris, who she married. Emma and Sheridan settled in Boulder, Colorado and she was active in the Altar Society and the Christian Family movement of their church, Sacred Heart of Jesus.

To their six children and the many other lives she touched, Emma's legacy is effervescence for life in tandem with a deep devotion for religion, spiritual care and caring for others. Emma's love for God and nursing are intertwined in her daughter, AnneMarie McMorris Wallace's memories. She recalled her mother being the first person to lift her up as a child and pray with her while placing bandages on her tricycle-torn elbows and knees! AnneMarie says, "My mother's presence was one of amazing, gentle grace that filled my soul and created lasting sacred moments that began a life-long yearning for God." Ms. Wallace believes her mother would want to honor the profession of nursing as it so often is the gentle listening ear that patients turn to as they cope with the processes of illness and healing—processes that frequently draw upon the spiritual longings of the soul.

Awareness and valuing the spiritual side of a patient's journey will allow nurses to hear expressions of spiritual longings and make referrals for spiritual care, thereby providing more holistic caring moments for patient and healthcare professional alike. Congratulations to the nominees and finalists and blessings upon each of you in your nursing careers!

Chaplain AnneMarie Wallace, MDiv

Registration

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