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*E*nd-of-Life Care A Perspective for Clergy

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“So we fix our eyes not on what is seen,
but on what is unseen.
For what is seen is temporary,
but what is unseen is eternal.”

—2 Corinthians 4:18



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DESCRIPTION

New and seasoned clergy have a unique opportunity to learn how to be better prepared to care for congregants and their families when someone is dying. Nationally known professional chaplain Rev. Martha R. Jacobs, D.Min., BCC, will share her insights and experiences about how to help individuals and families find meaning and peace in the inevitable passage of life and to experience a "good death." Medical professionals will discuss the physiological stages of death and provide insight into end-of-life issues. A behavioral health expert will guide participants through sometimes difficult conversations about death and dying. Legal and other end-of-life documents also will be reviewed.

TARGET AUDIENCE

This seminar is for clergy, ministers, chaplains and seminarians.

OBJECTIVES

- Discuss the theological issues that arise when someone is dying.
- Become more prepared when at the bedside of a dying congregant.
- Acquire tools to prepare congregants for various end-of-life issues.
- Identify the benefits vs. the burdens of nutrition, assisted breathing devices and other interventions.
- Recognize and understand common medical language and terms.
- Describe the physical stages of death and medical interventions that make death gentler.
- Describe legal requirements and other considerations when there is a death.
- Understand how to facilitate conversations around death and end-of-life issues for individuals and their families.
- Increase understanding of advance directives (living wills) and other end-of-life documents.

AGENDA

- 8:30 a.m. Registration and continental breakfast
- 9 a.m. **Welcome and prayer**
Rev. Ron Oliver, Ph.D., BCC
System Vice President of
Mission and Outreach
Norton Healthcare
- 9:15 a.m. **Spiritual Care at End of Life**
Rev. Martha Jacobs, D.Min., BCC
Adjunct Faculty
New York Theological Seminary
- 11:15 a.m. **Break**
- 11:30 a.m. **End-of-Life Issues at the Bedside**
Hope Walker, R.N., BSN
Palliative Care Coordinator
Norton Hospital
- 12:15 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1 p.m. **When a Body Dies**
Joseph Rotella, M.D., MBA,
FAAHPM, FACP
Senior Vice President and
Chief Medical Officer
Hosparus Inc.
- 1:30 p.m. **The Coroner, Organ Donation and
Other Considerations**
Rev. Rick Forest, M.Div., C.T.
Coordinator of Pediatric
Bereavement Services
Kosair Children's Hospital
- 1:50 p.m. **Conversations Around Death
and Dying**
Mary Helen Davis, M.D.
Director of Behavioral Health
Norton Cancer Institute
- 2:30 p.m. **Break**
- 2:45 p.m. **It's About Their Dignity: Following
a Person's Last Directive**
Rev. Kerry Wentworth, M.Div., BCC
Chaplain
Norton Brownsboro Hospital
- 3:15 p.m. **Evaluation**

SPEAKERS

Rev. Martha R. Jacobs, D.Min., BCC

The author of "A Clergy Guide to End-of-Life Issues," a newly published book that has received excellent reviews, Jacobs is an ordained United Church of Christ minister and has been a hospital chaplain for more than 14 years. Jacobs was the founding managing editor of "PlainViews," an e-newsletter from HealthCare Chaplaincy that connects chaplains and other spiritual care providers around the world. Jacobs is an adjunct professor at New York Theological Seminary, where she is coordinator for the doctor of ministry program in pastoral care. In her book, Jacobs provides a comprehensive collection of tools to help clergy deal with their own issues around dying and death as well as resources to guide congregants and their families through end-of-life issues.

Hope Walker, R.N., BSN

As an experienced psychiatric and palliative care nurse for Norton Hospital, Walker educates and counsels patients and families dealing with tough issues by assisting them as they try to understand and make complex end-of-life decisions.

Joseph Rotella, M.D., MBA, FAAHPM, FACP

Dr. Rotella is board certified in hospice and palliative medicine. He has been caring for the dying and their families for more than 25 years. He is author of the Oates Journal article, "Deep Doctoring: Spiritual Inquiry in the Doctor-Patient Relationship."

Rev. Rick Forest, M.Div., C.T.

As a Kosair Children's Hospital chaplain, Forest is certified in thanatology, the study of human aspects of death and the associated grief and rituals. Forest's responsibilities include caring for bereaved families for an extended period beyond the death of a child.

Mary Helen Davis, M.D.

Dr. Davis serves patients through the behavioral oncology program at Norton Cancer Institute. She is board certified in psychiatry, neurology and psychosomatic medicine, and has presented nationally and internationally on a variety of topics in psychiatric medicine. Her current focus is on caring for the psychiatric needs of medically complex patients.

Rev. Kerry Wentworth, M.Div., BCC

After serving as a pastor in several churches, Wentworth became a chaplain for Norton Healthcare hospitals and, in that role, has cared for the dying and their families for the past seven years. His daily work includes consulting with those making end-of-life decisions.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

United Methodist Church clergy serving in Kentucky and New Albany, Ind., districts may report six hours of continuing education for completion of this program.

REGISTRATION

End-of-Life Care: A Perspective for Clergy

Thursday, April 28, 2011

**Crowne Plaza Hotel
830 Phillips Lane
Louisville, Ky.**

**8:30 a.m. • Registration
9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. • Program**

This is a free seminar.

Registration deadline: April 22, 2011

**Register by phone: (502) 629-1234 or
(888) 4-U-NORTON**

Register online: NortonHealthcare.com/CHM

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