



The Marsh Center for Chaplain Studies Webinar

Ministering to Those with Dementia

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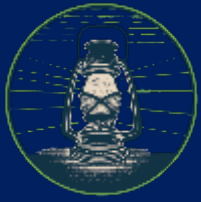


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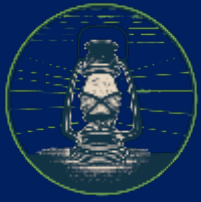




Dementia

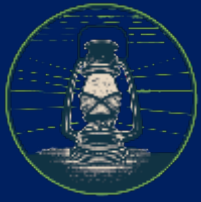
- 50 to 151 million people living with dementia worldwide by 2050
- Caused by, for example, Lewy Body disease, vascular disease, or most commonly Alzheimer's disease
- Dementia is progressive with no cure





Supporting the spirituality of older people with dementia in nursing care





Resources



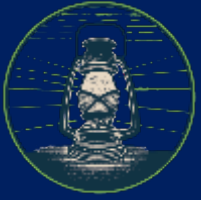
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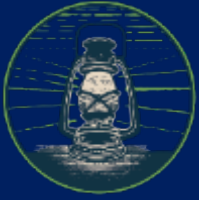




Summary

- Spirituality => people living with dementia need support to live a life with meaning and dignity
- The disease does not define the person
- Older people with dementia need to be seen as themselves
- Spiritual needs of older people with dementia: learning about their spiritual background, and listening to their verbal and non-verbal expression.
- Spiritual support is about searching for meaning in life together.
- Caring and living environments supporting spirituality



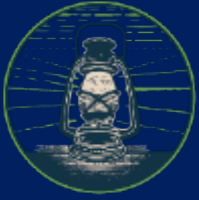


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“Spiritual growth is not simply possible in later life, it’s likely”

Elizabeth MacKinlay





Consider the following:

What proportion of resources (leadership, time, and finances) from your organization, denomination, church, etc. are focused on people under 20 versus resources directed toward people over 80?

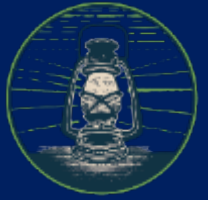
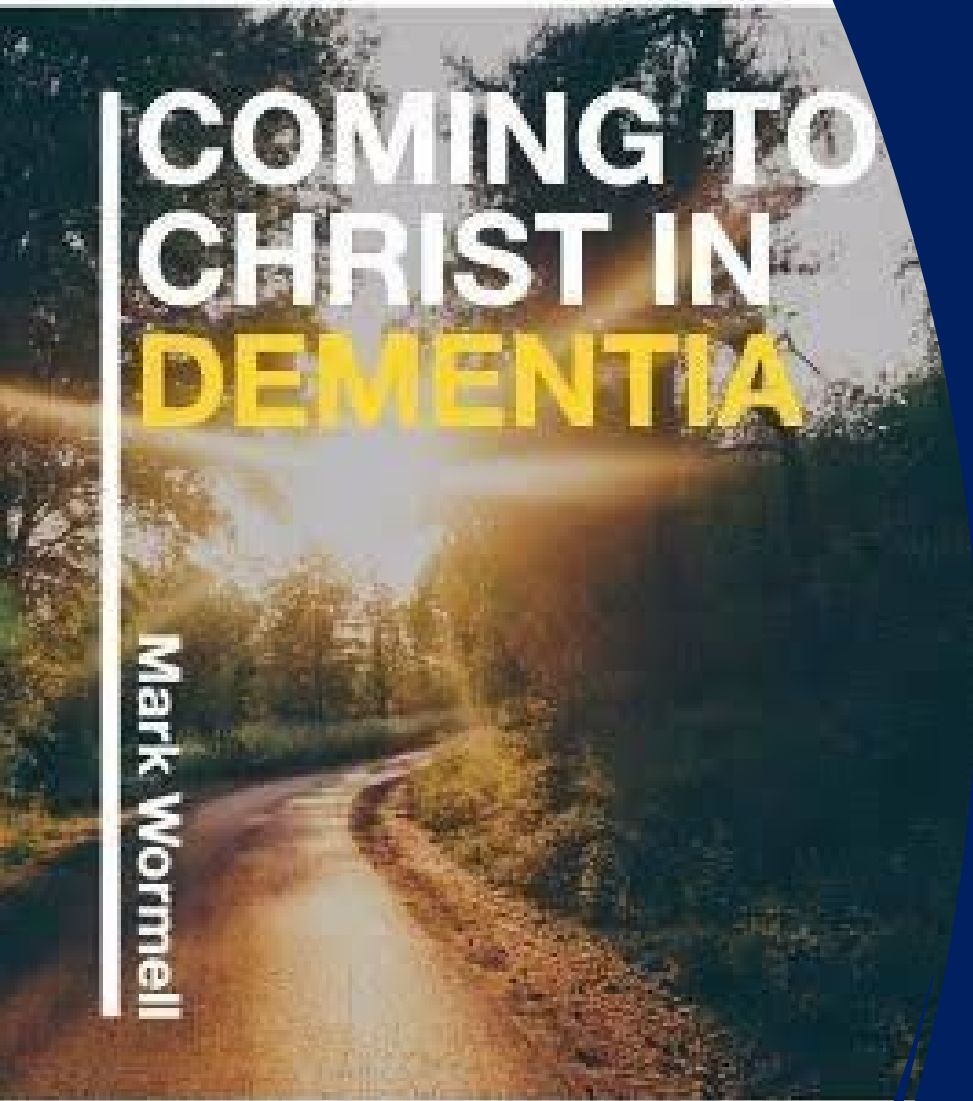




“I believe that there is no one of whom it can be said that the Spirit of God cannot penetrate their troubled mind.”

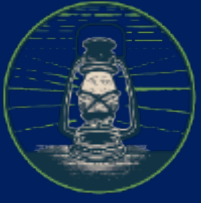
Neville Chamberlain





Coming to Christ in Dementia,
Mark Wormell,
Mountain Street Media, 2015.





The Triple **P** Model

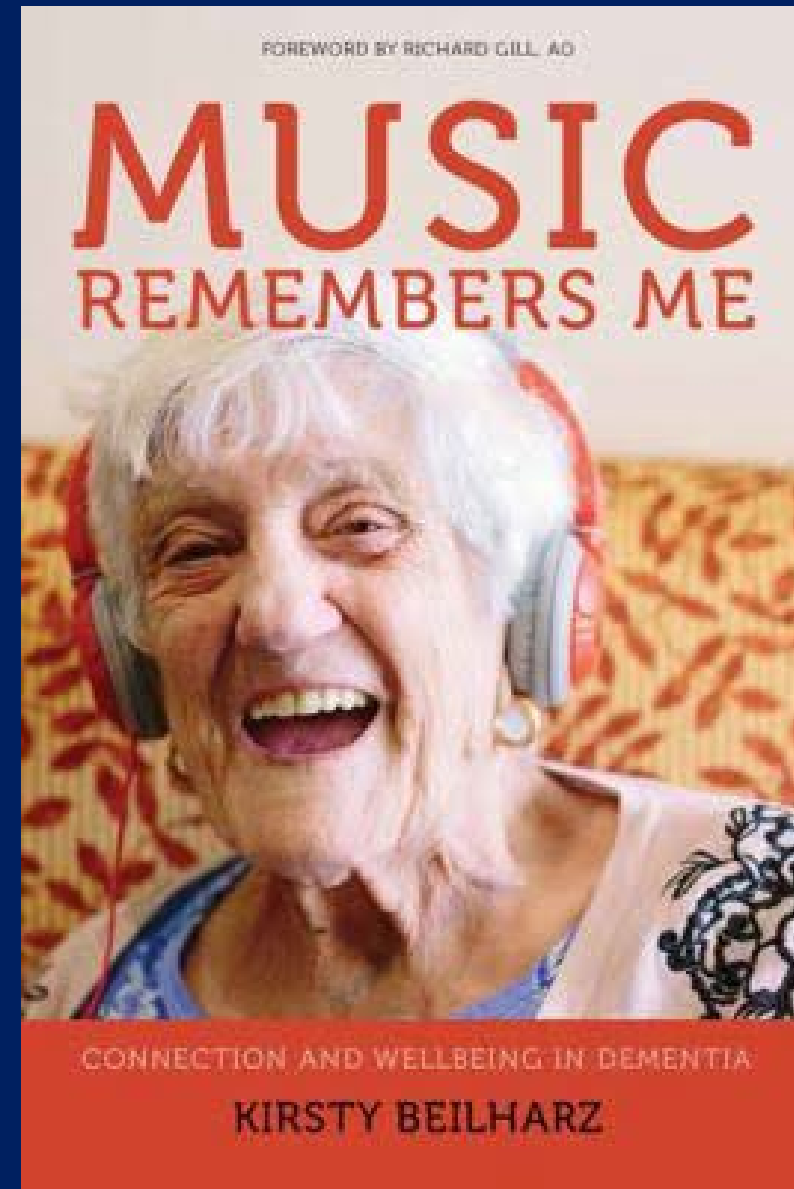
- **P**rayer
- **P**resence
- **P**astoral Care





Music Remembers Me: Connection and Wellbeing in Dementia

Kirsty Beilharz



Resources

Books Co-Authored by Ben Boland

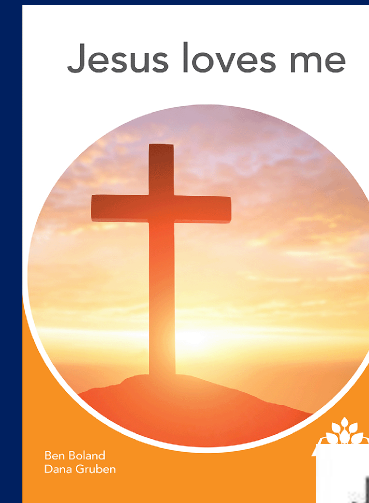
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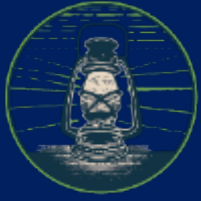
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5 Minute Break

Don't Miss Our Next Two Panelists:
Julia Burton-Jones, United Kingdom
Rich Behers, USA

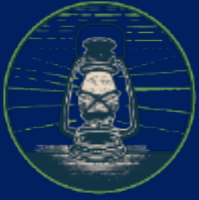




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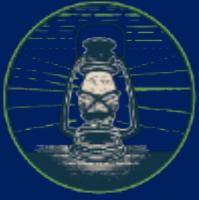


Anna Chaplaincy



Part of the charity BRF Ministries, Anna Chaplaincy is ecumenical, community-based chaplaincy rooted in local churches, offering spiritual care to older people of strong, little or no faith.



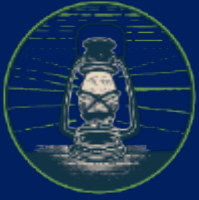


Anna Chaplaincy



- Named for the prophet Anna
- Working alongside 4th agers, especially those who are frail and living with dementia
- Also supporting family and paid carers
- Going where older people are – their own homes, care homes, community groups



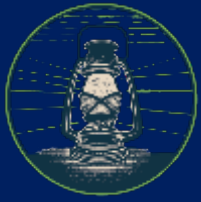


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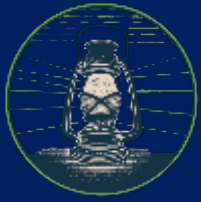
- Anna Chaplains can be lay or ordained, paid or volunteers, often retirement age
- We seek to advocate for the inclusion of people with dementia and their carers
- We face challenges helping those in care and churches recognize spiritual needs





This work is highly skilled and greatly needed but often invisible and under-resourced. Anna Chaplaincy allows churches to 'join the dots' in ministry among seniors and tells the wider world we care about people with dementia.





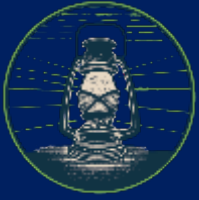
Growing numbers are taking on the care of a friend or family member with dementia, maybe spending several years in this role.



Carers need:

- Information about dementia
- Help and support in staying connected to church and society
- Kind people who will listen and care in times of sadness and challenge





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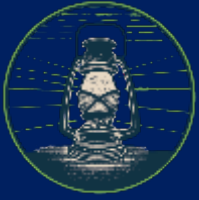
Anna Chaplaincy website and blog –
annachaplaincy.org.uk

Books on dementia by BRF –
brfonline.org.uk

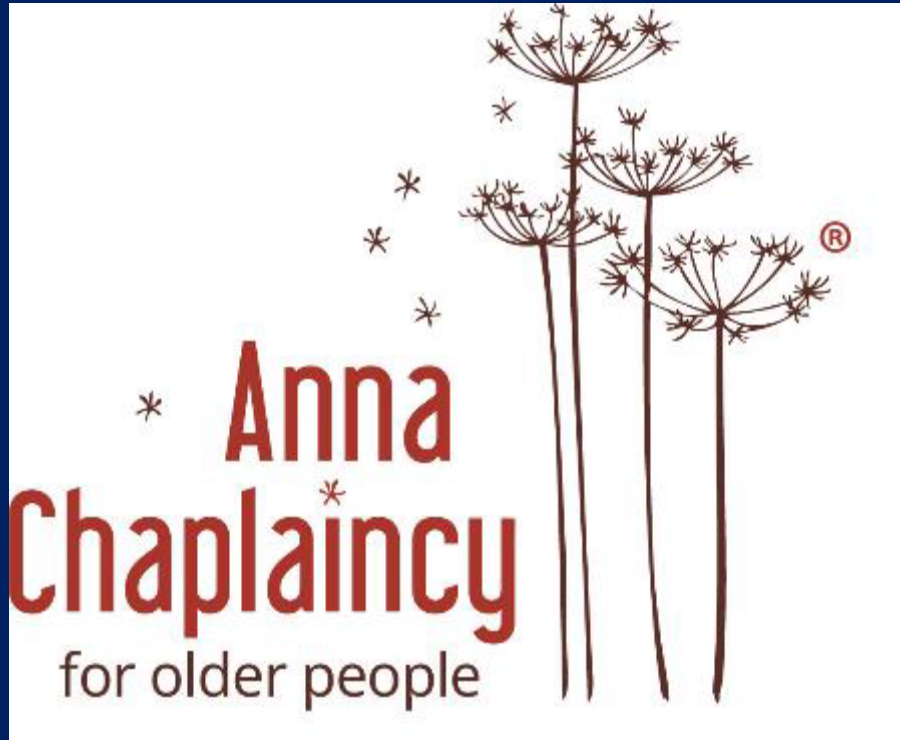
Spiritual Care Series course –

- Canada [Spiritual Care Series | Pathways to meaningful ageing](#)
- Australia [Spiritual Care Series - Health Television Network \(htn.edu.au\)](#)





Summary



The demographics of an ageing worldwide population require churches to adapt in enabling growing numbers diagnosed with dementia to be nurtured spiritually. Appointing specialist chaplains gives focus to the work & builds capacity + skills.





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Documenting Pastoral Care Encounters in the Dementia Environment



The Hospice Chaplaincy Resource Center

CPE, Quality Improvement, Dementia Care, and More





Fundamentals of Professional Documentation



We rely upon our calling to do this work.

We have entered a world of professionals and professionalism.

We are in a business-oriented environment that allows for spiritual care.





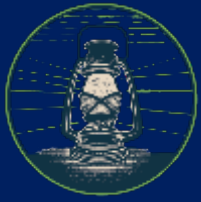
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We must learn to function as professionals in this medically-based system.

Our work is reviewed for accuracy not only by our company but also by the representatives of Medicare.

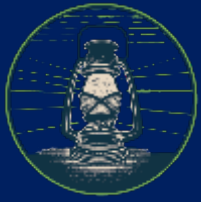




Gaining Insight with a Patient Interest Survey

1. What does the PCG believe is their loved one's spiritual concern or problem?
2. What faith community does their person attend?
3. How did their person's faith influence his/her life?
4. What does the PCG believe the Chaplain could do to best serve their person and the PCG?
5. What was your loved one's career?
6. What hobbies did your loved one enjoy?
7. What genre of music was your loved one's favorite?



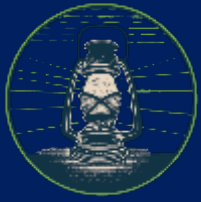


Documenting a Pastoral Care Encounter



The patient presented as a 78-year-old Euro-American female who has late-stage dementia. She was seated in her wheelchair in the Activities Room at her facility. The Chaplain collaborated with the facility staff member to move the patient to a more private location. The staff member assisted the Chaplain and wheeled the patient to her room.

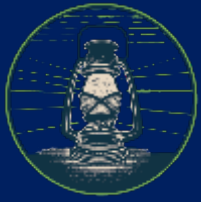




Example of Documentation

The Chaplain engaged the patient with the Dementia Care Protocol. The patient responded well to the singing of hymns of her faith, as evidenced by the patient attempting to sing along with the Chaplain. The Chaplain shared several Affirmations of Personal Worth and offered a brief prayer. It was at this time that the facility staff member came to the room to inform Chaplain that it was now time for the patient to go to lunch. The Chaplain offered a spoken blessing and departed. (continued)

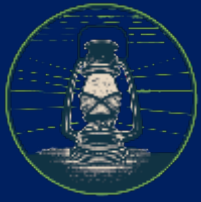




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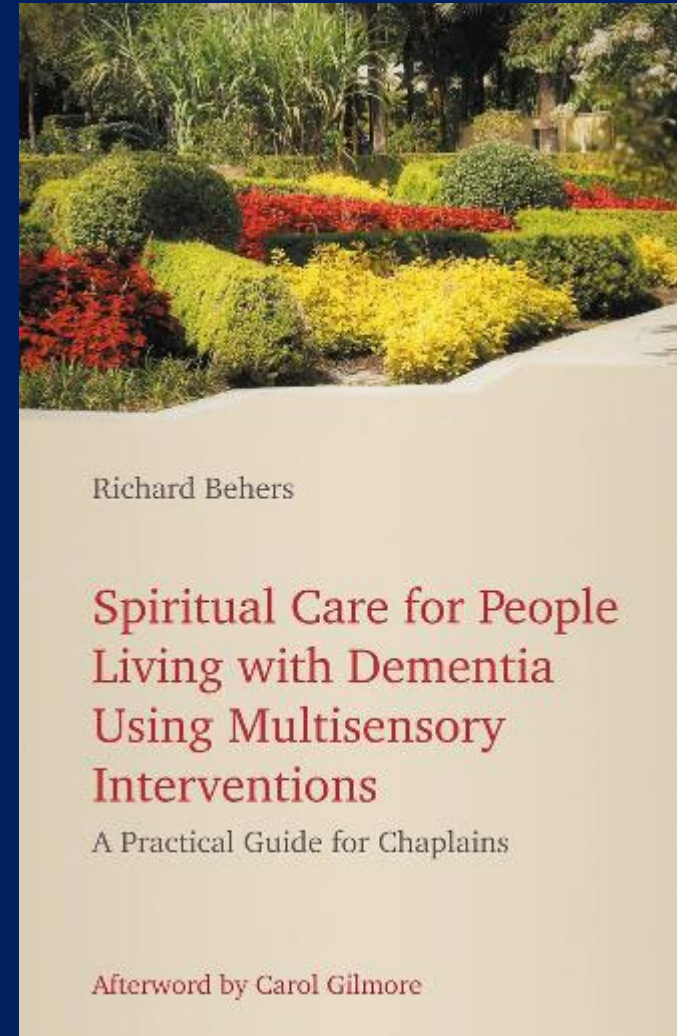
When the Chaplain got to her car and called the PCG to inform her that the patient responded well to the singing of hymns and to the Affirmations of Personal Worth. The PCG expressed gratitude that the Chaplain actually did something to attempt to reach her mother. The Chaplain assured her it was her privilege to serve both her and her mother. The Chaplain also informed PCG that she would see the patient again in 3 weeks.





Authored by Richard Behers

This innovative and sensitive guide to providing spiritual care to people with dementia features original methods drawn from the author's experiences of working with over 1,000 individuals with dementia. It provides creative new ways for chaplains to connect with patients whose spiritual needs are all too often neglected. Included are links to exclusive online resources of the author's video presentations and photographs for use in treatment.



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