The leading organizations in the field of Chaplaincy and Spiritual Care have come together to offer a joint symposium “Partners in Strengthening the Future of Spiritual Care.” This symposium will cover a range of information including partnerships, collaboration and research pertinent for those in the field of Spiritual Care. In addition, attendees will qualify for 4.5 hours of applicable Continuing Education credits towards their respective certifications.

Hosted by the ACPE, Association of Professional Chaplains (APC), Canadian Association for Spiritual Care (CASC), National Association of Catholic Chaplains (NACC), Neshama: Association of Jewish Chaplains (NAJC), this learning event is geared towards all chaplains, spiritual caregivers, directors of spiritual care, mission leaders, healthcare leaders, and all engaged in or having responsibility for spiritual care in your institutions.

Please join us for a vital program that will leave you informed, inspired, and equipped to strengthen spiritual care in your setting.

The symposium (presented from the APC headquarters in Hoffman Estates, Illinois) will be accessible via streaming video to remote audience via high-speed internet. MedStar Georgetown University Hospital is hosting a viewing site for this event.

Participants will:
- Gain insights into the vital role of spiritual care in current healthcare environment, and the critical partnerships needed to strengthen spiritual care for the future from Dr. Christina Puchalski;
- Hear from the presidents of the five major associations on the key challenges to professional chaplaincy, and the collaborative efforts undertaken by these strategic partners to address these challenges;
- Receive the most recent resources and research for positioning and strengthening spiritual care within one’s place of work.

The program consists of three 90-minute presentations. The program qualifies for 4.5 CE hours for maintenance of ACPE, BCCI®, CASC, NACC, NAJC Certification. An additional 1.5 CE hours could be added with the use of guided discussions.

Schedule of Presentations in Eastern Time

- 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 a.m. Session 1- Dr. Christina Puchalski
- 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Lunch
- 1:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Session 2 - Strategic Partner Leaders
- 3:00 – 3:15 p.m. Break
- 3:15 – 4:45 p.m. Session 3 – Resource Session
11:00 a.m. – “The Challenges and Opportunities in Partnering to Strengthen the Future of Spiritual Care: a National and International Perspective”

Christina M. Puchalski, MD, MS, FACP, FAAHPM - Professor, George Washington Medicine and Health Science Director, George Washington Institute for Spirituality and Health Co-Director, MFA-GWU, Supportive and Palliative Care Clinic

1:30 a.m. – “Common perspectives, core commitments, and collaborative initiatives to strengthen the future of spiritual care.”

Rev. Carlos R. Bell, President, MDiv, ACPE Educator
Rev. Kimberly Murman, MDiv, MBA, BCC, President APC
Philip Weaver MDiv, CSCP, CXCS-E, President CASC
Mary T. O’Neill, DMin, BCC-S, ACPE Educator, Chair, NACC
Rabbi Moe Kaprow BCC, President NAJC

3:15 p.m. – “Resources and research to strengthen spiritual care.”

Diverse staff and members of the Strategic Partners

We welcome you to this exciting learning opportunity.

If you have any questions please contact the District of Columbia NACC State Liaison, Deacon Tom Devaney, at tjd75@georgetown.edu.

There is no charge for participation. A light lunch will be available. Space is limited to 35 participants, so please reserve your place and register early, by calling the Office of Mission and Pastoral Care, MedStar Georgetown University Hospital at 202-444-3030.