



4915 S. Howell Avenue
Suite 501
Milwaukee, WI 53207-5939
Telephone: 414.483.4898
Fax: 414.483.6712

www.nacc.org

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the National Association of Catholic Chaplains (NACC), I invite you to submit an application to lead a workshop for the upcoming 2022 NACC Conference, March 25-28, 2022. Pre-conference offerings will be held on March 24, 2022. The conference will be held at Hyatt Regency Buffalo Hotel in Buffalo, New York.

Our conference theme is **“*Stretched by Life, Lifted by Faith.*”** Our National Conference will be taking place two years after the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic and the subsequent violence born of racism and other biases. Multiple forms of polarization and discord have further divided our country, family, friends and even our Church. Trauma in many manifestations has needed to be identified and addressed. We are being stretched by life. Yet, as NACC members, we are ones who continue the healing ministry of Jesus in the name of the Church. The Paschal Mystery marks our lives and our profession. We know and experience that we are lifted by our faith. This Conference is devoted to gathering with one another to be a safe and sacred space to support one another in courageous and honest dialogue on those areas that challenge and stretch us to own our common humanity and destiny, as well as to identify and celebrate what makes and sustains us as healing ministers.

Chaplains will be able to:

- Initiate, renew and deepen relationships with colleagues (OL2, OL2.1).
- Attend to their own physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being through personal reflection, professional sharing, and communal ritual (PIC3).
- Ascertain and incorporate new pastoral care strategies and creative spiritual care practices developed in a pandemic and post-pandemic environment (PPS2, PPS5, PPS6, PPS9, OL1).
- Identify unconscious bias and racism in self, community, and culture, implementing tools to facilitate and foster greater awareness, effective spiritual support, and collaborative professional relationships (PIC1, PIC2, PPS3, OL2.1, OL4.1).
- Distinguish and articulate elements from the Catholic tradition which ground their personal spirituality and professional ministry as well as develop responsible strategies to deal with elements of the Catholic tradition causing personal and professional challenges (ITP2.1, ITP2.2, PIC3, PIC3.1, PIC5.1).
- Further articulate their identity as Catholic chaplains and ministers of the church (ITP2.1, ITP2.2, PIC5.1).

Before completing the proposal form, please be sure to review the submission guidelines carefully. Once completed, workshop proposal forms should be emailed to the NACC National Office to conference@nacc.org by September 30, 2021.

This conference promises to be rich and memorable, with the gift of the presence of friends, mentors and colleagues old and new. We welcome the addition of the gift of your presence as a workshop presenter.

Sincerely,

2022 Conference Planning Task Force
National Association of Catholic Chaplains

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CATHOLIC CHAPLAINS
PRE-CONFERENCE AND 90-MINUTE
WORKSHOP SUBMISSION GUIDELINES
Friday, March 25, 2022 – Monday, March 28, 2022

Important Dates:

Thursday, September 30, 2021	Deadline for receipt of workshop applications
By Monday, November 1, 2021	Email notification of acceptance or declination
By Friday, November 5, 2021	NACC to email official workshop presenter agreements
By Wednesday, November 24, 2021	Signed presenter agreements due to NACC national office
Friday, January 21, 2022	Workshop plan (agenda) due to NACC national office
Tuesday, February 22, 2022	Electronic presentation handouts due to NACC national office

Cancellation Policy:

Once a workshop has been accepted and listed on the NACC website, it imposes a serious burden to cancel it. Please do not submit a proposal if you are uncertain that you will be able to fulfill your obligation to organize and conduct the session at the agreed upon time.

Topic Suggestions:

We seek workshop proposals which:

1. Identify and address key ministry issues faced over these past two years resulting from the pandemic and cries for racial justice
2. Share new insights and creative ministry approaches in response to the challenges of the past two years
3. Show collaboration with interdisciplinary partners to improve the quality of spiritual care
4. Highlight partnerships with other ministries of the church, promoting and preparing others for pastoral care
5. Include time for engaging conversation/self-reflection in order to apply and integrate workshop content to ministry experience
6. Incorporate research with spiritual care
7. Demonstrate pilot projects testing new ministry services and innovative chaplaincy settings
8. Provide chaplains ways to reflect on their work as ministry and foster resilience/spirituality in their work settings
9. Offer ways to reflect on, and deepen chaplains' own spirituality and call to ministry
10. Provide programs/approaches to advance the ministry of chaplaincy as a ministry of the Church
11. Support the theme of the conference

Presenter Incentives:

Pre-Conference Workshop (*Thursday, March 24 and Friday, March 25*)

- ✓ Length - 4 hours or 6 hours
- ✓ Honorarium - \$400 (4 hour) or \$600 (6 hour)
- ✓ Conference Registration – Presenter(s) responsible for registration fees
- ✓ Expenses – Presenter(s) responsible for own travel, meals, and lodgings

90-Minute Workshop (*all conference days – Friday, March 25 – Monday, March 28*)

- ✓ Length - 90-minute
- ✓ Honorarium – none offered
- ✓ Conference Registration – 20% off Conference Registration (*excluding registration for day of reflection, preconference workshops, or special events*)
- ✓ Expenses – Presenter(s) responsible for own travel, meals, and lodgings

Presentation Software

The NACC will have audio/visual support for equipment available during the conference for workshop presenters. **It is the responsibility of the workshop presenter to have a working knowledge of their computer and the software** they will utilize for their workshop. **Internet service will not be available** in meeting rooms.

Workshop Presentation Materials:

Presentation handouts are the responsibility of the workshop presenter. The NACC requires electronic copies of presentation materials to be submitted before the conference as these materials will be posted on the NACC website so that participants will have the opportunity to download and print materials for workshops (pre-conference and 90-minute) before they travel to the conference. If materials are NOT provided to the NACC by the deadline date of February 22, 2022 (and therefore are NOT included on the NACC website), it is the presenter's responsibility to provide materials at the workshop session during the conference. The NACC is not able to reimburse for/provide any printed materials for pre-conference or 90-minute workshops.

Workshop Development:

Workshop Presenters will be asked to prepare a workshop plan (agenda) that provides a sense of the content and process that will be used for the workshop. This agenda will be due for submission to the NACC National Office by January 21, 2022. With the goal of helping our presenters to be successful in their workshop, our Conference Planning Task force will review the agenda and will provide consultation as needed.

Introduction Text:

Workshop Presenters will be asked to submit one to two paragraphs of introductory text to the NACC National Office. This text will be used by a volunteer to introduce the workshop presenter(s) to the workshop participants. The introductory text is to be submitted with the signed presenter agreements.

Submission Method:

All Workshop Applications must be submitted electronically. One copy of the Workshop Information Form is sufficient for each workshop. Please submit all information for presenter(s) and workshop in one email packet. Note: the workshop application text fields will automatically expand as you type. Use your tab key or mouse to move from one field to the next.

Completed Workshop Applications should be emailed to conference@nacc.org by September 30, 2021 to be considered. When emailing, please note in the subject line the following: 2022 Workshop Application – LAST NAME, FIRST NAME.

Questions:

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact the NACC National Office via email jannunziato@nacc.org or by calling us at (414) 483-4898 ext 303.