

– Call for Presentations –

Telechaplaincy: Learning Through Story.

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The Transforming Chaplaincy Telechaplaincy Community of Practice

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Telechaplaincy is the delivery of spiritual care where recipients and providers are separated by distance. Telechaplaincy uses Information and Communication Technology (telephones, smartphone applications, videoconferencing, asynchronous recordings, and other media) for spiritual assessment, care for spiritual distress and injuries, provision of spiritual care, and research and evaluation.

Prior to the Covid-19 pandemic, approximately half of U.S. chaplains practiced telechaplaincy. Telechaplaincy has grown rapidly since, being used throughout the world. It poses unique challenges and opportunities that require new skills to master. However, there are few resources for chaplains to learn and improve their work.

Chaplains and providers regularly request training to implement or improve telechaplaincy. To meet this need, the Telechaplaincy Community of Practice, an international group of healthcare chaplains and researchers, will host a series of trainings and knowledge-exchange events.

This **call for presentations** is an invitation to chaplains, scholars and interdisciplinary team members to contribute to these events. The following presentation formats are invited:

- 1. Case Studies Presentations:** A 30-minute presentation on one, rich case which demonstrates the unique nature or an important aspect of telechaplaincy. Presentations will include: (1) an introduction of the case, (2) a description of the interaction(s) with specific attention to the unique challenges or strengths inherent to telechaplaincy, (3) a discussion of theories, assessment and interventions used, (4) outcomes of the case, and (5) conclusions which may be relevant to other cases. Presenters will be assigned a respondent to provide response.
- 2. Vignettes for Panel Discussion:** Panel discussions will feature 3 presenters who each give a 10-minute description of a case on a shared topic. A respondent will summarize and lead discussion. You only submit one case, and the work group will pair you with other presenters. Vignettes are desired on the following topics:
 - Advanced Care Planning
 - Extending Access to Care
 - Navigating Difficult Cases
 - Grief Support
 - Death/Near Death Support
 - Rituals
 - Staff Support
 - Support Groups
 - Education
 - Documentation
- 3. Didactic Presentation:** An hour-long presentation on a subject that is relevant to telechaplaincy. Examples include: implementing telechaplaincy programs, choosing appropriate formats for telechaplaincy programs, benchmarks used in telechaplaincy programs, using telehealth modalities in CPE training, theological considerations, or any other subject that you believe will advance telechaplaincy practice.

If selected for a presentation, full guidelines for presentation will be provided. The work group will offer support where needed. The cases presented will be collected and may be invited as contributions to future publication(s) on this topic.

If you would like to be considered for this presentation series, please fill out the following form and submit it, together with your CV, to Petra Sprik and Fabian Winiger.

Full Name: _____

Position: _____

Workplace: _____

E-Mail: _____

Desired Presentation Format (check one):

Case Study

Panel Discussion

Didactic Presentation

In less than 500 words, describe your case/vignette/presentation idea. Note: Case studies and vignettes should include a description of the case, theories/assessments/interventions, and outcomes. Didactic presentations should include a brief discussion of materials in a presentation format.