



7th Conference on Ageing and Spirituality Preliminary Schedule

Sunday, June 4th

2:00-4:30pm	Registration/ Check in at Concordia University Chicago (CUC)
4:30-5:00pm	Introductions & Welcomes (Dr. Lydia Manning - conference highlights)
5:00-7:00pm	Rev. June Boyce-Tillman, PhD - Performance
7:00-9:00pm	Fellowship Reception

Monday, June 5th

8:00-9:00am	Registration/ Check in & Continental Breakfast at CUC
9:00-9:15am	Opening Songs with Dr. Robert Atchley, our Musical Bard
9:15-9:30am	Introductions & Welcomes (Rev. Dr. Daniel Gard & Dr. Richard Bimler)
9:30-10:00am	Opening Address: Dr. Lydia Manning and Dr. John Holton
10:00-10:30am	Opening Plenary Session: "Spirituality as a Framework for Personally and Collectively Resisting Ageism" with Rev. Nancy Gordon
10:30-11:15am	Coffee Break & Poster Session

Posters

"Planted in the House of the Lord They will Flourish" with Deaconess Barbara Hemme, MA,
MAR

"Aging In Community In Cooperative Living" with Esther Hurlburt, RN



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“Values Based Healthcare Decision Making Conversations: Chaplains In Physician’s Office” with Aoife Lee, DMin Bcc - **CON/CH**

“Using Science, Theology And Spirituality To Transform Attitudes About Dementia In The Church” with Dorothy Linthicum & Janice Hicks - **CON**

11:30am - 12:30pm **Plenary Session: “Living a Complete Life”** with Rev. John Buchanan & Rev. Dr. Eileen Linder

12:30-1:30pm **Lunch & Networking**

1:30-3:00pm **Concurrent Sessions**

Paper Session - Meaning-Making

“The Impact Of Images Of God For Assessment And Counseling With Older Adults” with Rev. James Ellor, LCSW, Matthew S. Stanford, PhD, and Holly Oxhandler, Ph.D. - **CH**

“The Road Goes Ever On - Viewing Aging As A Step On Our Spiritual Pilgrimage” with Rev. Andrew Moore

“More Than A Bucket List: Making A Personal Mission Statement To Focus Your Life”
with Janet Miller, PhD

Paper Session - Spirituality as Lived Experience

“A Continuing Sense of Self Within the Lived Experience of Dementia”- with Christine Bryden, MBA - **CH**

“Spirituality Of The Oldest Old (80+) In Germany: Results From A Qualitative Study” with Anna Janhsen,

“Ageing, Frailty And The Final Life Journey: Lived Experience Transcendence And Meaning” with Elizabeth MacKinlay, RN - **CH**



Paper Session - Sponsored Session

“Aging Is The Only Way To Live!” with Richard Bimler, PhD and Charles Mueller, Sr., PhD -
CON and CH

Experiential Workshop

“Hear My Voice: A Spiritual Legacy Experience” with Katherine Piderman, PhD, Jason Egginton and Beba Tata - **CH**

“Varieties of Resiliency as a Lived Experience: Case Studies and Conversation” with Rev. Mark Chaffin, MDiv and Julia Penn Shaw, EdD

3:05- 3:45 pm	Coffee, Create and Converse Break Michelle Olson - creativity lab
4:00 - 5:00pm	Plenary Session: “Spiritual Formation in the Third and Fourth Age: Transcending Norms” with Rev. Rebecca Giselbrecht, PhD
5:15-6:45pm	Dinner - Dine Arounds in Oak Park and Forest Park
7:00-9:00pm	Evening Entertainment- Encore Choir followed by Q&A with performers

Tuesday, June 6th

8:00-9:00am	Registration/ Check in at Concordia University Chicago (CUC)
9:00-9:15am	Songs with our Bard, Robert Atchley, PhD
9:15-10:15am	Plenary Session: “Spiritual Pathways To Resilience And Or Creative Expressions Of Spirituality” with Bruce Stevens, PhD
10:15-11:00 am	Coffee Break & Poster Session



Posters

“Spirituality In The Workplace: Generations Unite” with Kathy Bonnar, EdD

“A View Into Spiritual Care Programs For Older Adults With Alzheimer’s Disease” with Chad Federwitz

“Stress And Inflammation Among Older Adults: The Moderating Role Of Religiosity” with Corina Ronneberg, MS, Jane L. Tavares, M, Edward Alan Miller, PhD, MPA and Jeffrey A. Burr, PhD - CH

“Perceived Healthy Aging: The Role Of Spirituality For Older Adults With Chronic Disease” with Marcus Wolfe, MSW, Lydia K. Manning, PhD, Raj C. Shah, MD, Dave Jimenez, PhD - CH

11:00am - 12:30pm Concurrent Sessions

Paper Session - Spiritual Care - Meeting the Marginalized

“LGBT Aging and Spirituality” with Margaret Cruikshank, PhD

“The Religious Role of Older Adults: Perspectives of Clergy and Older Congregation Members” with Vern Bengtson, PhD - CON and CH

“The Unique Influence of Attachment to God on Forgiveness: Successful Aging for Older Inmates” with G. Kevin Randall, PhD and Alexander J. Bishop, PhD

Experiential Workshops

1 “Making Space and Deepening Connection: Contemplative Aging” with Carol Hassel, MDiv and Linda Flynn - CH

“Implementation of a Spiritual Wellbeing Guideline among Assisted Living (AL) Residents” with Hutch Walch, Phyllis M. Gaspar, PhD, RN, and Katie Westberg

2 “In Good Faith: Co-Laborers For Aging Adults” with Sandy Gregory, PhD - CON and CH
“Denial: A Mechanism to Rise Above Elder Abuse in Families and Churches” with Joanne Thomas, LCPC, Nancy G. Bell and Anita Brown - CH and CON



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3 “Cultivating Life Enhancing Spirituality: A Caregiver’s Perspective” with Eboni Green, PhD, RN

“Wisdom, Spirituality, The Upside Of Aging” with Rosemary Cox & Alan Rider

4 “Transforming The Context Of Aging; Power To Affect Change Through Developing Conscious Awareness And Unconditional Behavior” with Stefan Deutsch

“In The Land of Forgetfulness: Transforming Dementia Care Giving” with Wayne Ewing, PhD

12:30pm - 1:30pm Lunch and Networking

1:30pm - 2:30pm Plenary Session: “American Indian elders: Four domains of life and Gerotranscendence” with Margaret Moss, PhD, RN

2:30 - 3:00pm Coffee, Create and Converse Break
Michelle Olson - Creativity Lab

3:00 - 4:30pm Concurrent Sessions

Paper Session - Spirituality and Transformation

“Church at Home: Small-group Home Worship for Isolated Elders” with Greg Smith, MDiv and Rev. Sara Robb - CH and CON

“The Divine Human: The Final Transformation of Sacred Aging” with John Robinson, PhD, DMin

Paper Session - Spiritual Care

“The Spiritual Needs of Caregivers Who Relinquish Their Primary Caring Role” with Ann Harrington, RN, PhD

“Transcendent Spiritual Care” with William Randolph, PhD - CON and CH

“Finding a Fulfilling RePurposed Life” with Janet Miller, PhD



Experiential Workshops

1 - “Spirituality and Counseling in Ageing” with James Austin and Dorcas Austin - **CH**
“A Dirty Little Secret: Aging and Addiction” with Daniel Bishop, PhD and Michelle Edelmuth

2 - “Pathways to Faith-Based Caregiving: Models for Churches and Synagogues” with
Chelsea Hawkins, Madelyn Iris, PhD and Carol Goldbaum - - **CON**
“The Church as a ‘Go to Place’ for Family Caregivers” with Patricia Baker and Michele
Hendrix - **CON**

3 -“Retired Clergy: Asset or Liability” with Dennis Haines and Chris Pomfret - - **CON**
“Vital Older Adult Ministries” with Evelyn Johnson and Alan Forsman - **CH and CON**

4 - “Today’s Church Mother: Like Naomi To Ruth or Emerging Family Care Manager?”
with Joanne Thomas, LCPC and Nancy Bell
“How Professional Patient Advocates are Partnering with Faith Communities Today” with
Teri Dreher, RN and Maryellen Jacimowski, RN, MSN -- **CON**

4:45-6:00pm **Jim Vanden Bosch - *The Dance of Belonging***

6:10pm - 6:30pm **Responses & Songs with our Bard, Robert Atchley, PhD**

6:30pm **Dinner & Music/ Entertainment**

Wednesday, June 7th

8:00am-8:30 am **Registration/ Check in at Concordia University Chicago (CUC)**

8:30am - 8:45am **Songs/ Reflections with Bard, Robert Atchley, PhD**

8:45am -9:45am **Plenary Session: “Creating New Rituals For New Life Stages” with
Rabbi Richard F. Address, D.Min**

9:45am -10:15am **Coffee Break**



10:15am -11:45am Concurrent Sessions

Paper Session - Narratives of Resilience

“On Resiliency in Old Age: Lessons from Mystic and Prophet Howard Thurman” with
Carol Allen, MDiv, MSW

“In Our Stories Lies Our Strength: Enhancing Narrative Resilience in Later Life” with
Kevin Randall - CH

Paper Session - Spirituality and Resilience

“Spiritual Resilience: Understanding the Protection and Promotion of Wellbeing in Later Life” with Lydia Manning, PhD, Carla Narvaez-Rosario, MD and Morgan Ferris

“Religion, Spirituality, and Resilience among Current Elders and Baby Boomer Elders-to-Be” with Susan Mcfadden, PhD and Alexandria Ebert

Experiential Workshops

1 - “Recapturing the Power of Ritual to Enhance Community in a Postmodern Age” with
Holly Nelson-Becker, PhD, LCSW and Kimberly Sangster, PhD, LCSW, MDiv
“Long Distance Elder Care in Sub-Saharan-Africa: Spirituality as a Source of Strength”
with Elizabeth Owolabi, PhD

2 - “Generations of Faith: Role of Faith Communities in Nurturing Spiritual Abundance Across Generations” with Jan McGilliard, MS and Mary Ann Stripling, PhD - CON
“Building Congregational Communities Using Story: Approaches for Exploring Transitions and Spiritual Legacies” with Martha Richards, LICSW and Stephen Sapp, PhD - CON

3 - “Blessings in the Wind: Creating Prayer Flags for Ourselves and Our World” with
Michelle Olson - CH
“The Art of Scripture” with Susan Graceson



**4 - “Community Based Model for Intergenerational Learning” with William Duey PhD and
Mavis Bagby**

**“Ageing Transformation: How boomers Will Change Everything We Know About Ageing”
with Chaplain William Randolph**

5 - “The Role of the Elder in the 21st Century” with Robert Best - CON

12:00 - 1:30pm Conference Wrap-up & Taize Service in the Chapel

Note: Tracks

CH - Chaplains Track

CON - Congregational Track

Note: All locations TBD