



Department of
Aging & Adult Services
Palliative Care Work Group



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Invite you to join Us for *Conversation Sabbath!*

Conversation Sabbath is an initiative of **Reimagine End of Life**, a City-wide, week-long collection of events exploring death, dying, and bereavement, and celebrating life through the arts, spirituality, health care, and innovation. **Reimagine week is April 16 - 22.**

In partnership with the City of San Francisco and the San Francisco Interfaith Council, *Reimagine* is inviting clergy throughout San Francisco to preach or teach about the vital importance of having values-centered conversations with our loved ones about what matters most when it comes to care at the end of life.

Here's how it works. We are asking congregations to:

- ♦ Have clergy "preach from the pulpit" on the sabbath prior to *Reimagine* week, which means April 13-15
- ♦ Hold an education hour that Sabbath or on a day during *Reimagine* week to discuss with congregants how to start the conversation around end of life concerns with loved ones
- ♦ Hold a follow up "how did it go" education hour 2 weeks later – week of April 30 – May 2
- ♦ Encourage congregants to participate in other *Reimagine* week programming
- ♦ *The City* will organize neighborhood workshops for filling out advanced care documents and directives during *Reimagine* week and one month after - May 14 –20.

We are providing free resources and training for clergy. We are also encouraging and supporting congregations that want to participate in or host other *Reimagine* events throughout the City

(Go to www.letsreimagine.org for more information about *Reimagine week*)

To sign up for *Conversation Sabbath* go to <http://bit.ly/ReimagineConversationSabbath>

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