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Hospice Presents Spiritual Care Conference in Greensboro

(GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA)— Chaplains at Hospice and Palliative Care of Greensboro (HPCG) will provide an educational conference highlighting the role of spiritual care at end of life.

“Companions on the Journey: Spiritual Care at End of Life” will be held on Thursday, September 22 from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Lusk Center, located at 2501 Summit Avenue in Greensboro. Break-out sessions include:

- Providing Spiritual Care for Those with Dementia and Their Families
- Presence and Listening: A Sacred Space
- Hard Choices: Providing Spiritual Guidance for End-of-Life Decisions
- Companions in Telling Our Sacred Stories

The presenters at this year’s conference are HPCG’s clinical chaplains, including Judy Haughee-Bartlett, Willa Brown, John Connor, Hillary Irusta, Beverly Isley-Landreth, Chris Morris and Nancy Vaders.

“The HPCG chaplains are excited about this opportunity to dialogue with individuals from faith communities in the greater Greensboro area. We hope to gain new understandings about how we can support and encourage spiritual caregivers in each faith tradition, as they seek to walk with members of their community who are moving toward end of life,” said Isley-Landreth, HPCG’s assistant director of support services. “We can truly companion one another as together we provide bread for the journey for those who need us most,” said Isley-Landreth.

The event is appropriate for all faith communities and clergy, lay and stephen ministers, chaplains, spiritual caregivers and congregational nurses. Lunch will be provided and registration is required. The deadline to register is September 15. Visit www.hospicegso.org/companions to reserve your seat today. The conference will provide six contact hours with HPCG around end-of-life care, and attendees

will receive a certificate of participation. If you have questions regarding this event, please contact Sue Huff at 336.621.2500 or shuff@hospicegso.org.

“HPCG strives to partner with faith leaders and provide meaningful, impactful and useful techniques to help families through challenging times,” said the Rev. Dr. Eric D. Cole, HPCG board member and senior pastor at Shalom Community Christian Church. These educational opportunities “replenish, renovate and refresh ministry leaders who are constantly giving to others but rarely take time for themselves,” said Cole.

HPCG encourages community participation and engagement, and continues to provide a wide variety of educational opportunities that demonstrate best practices in end-of-life care for the community.

About Judy Haughee-Bartlett, MDiv, BCC

Judy Haughee-Bartlett, MDiv, BCC earned her MDiv at Duke Divinity School and did her CPE internship and residency at UNC-Chapel Hill and Wesley Long Community Hospital. She is a spiritual director and was a hospital chaplain for 20 years before coming to HPCG as a chaplain in long-term care. She is a board certified chaplain through the Association of Professional Chaplains. Haughee-Bartlett is a swimmer and the mother of three daughters.

About Willa S. Brown, MDiv, BCC

Willa S. Brown, MDiv, BCC received her MDiv at Wake Forest University Divinity School and there authored [The Replenishment of Spiritual Nourishment for African American Women Ministers: a Self-Care Guide to Hidden Wholeness](#). She completed her CPE residency at Wake Forest University Medical Center and is a board certified chaplain through the Association of Professional Chaplains. Brown has served as a chaplain at HPCG for almost 10 years.

About John Connor, ThM

John Connor, ThM, is a native of Greensboro, was in mental health counseling before pursuing his seminary degree from Dallas Theological Seminary (1990) and CPE internship and residency at Baylor Medical Center in Dallas. Connor also has experience in grief counseling, has been involved in police and fire chaplaincy and critical stress management. He is an avid cyclist.

About Hillary Irusta, MDiv

Hillary Irusta, MDiv is a native of the Triad area. She earned her MDiv from Wake Forest University School of Divinity and completed her CPE residency with Cone Health. She is delighted to be part of the HPCG team. In her spare time, Irusta is an avid reader and enjoys playing with her nephews.

About Beverly Isley-Landreth, MDiv, ThM, BCCC

Beverly Isley-Landreth, MDiv, ThM, BCCC received her MDiv (1982) and ThM (1988) from Southeastern Seminary. She completed her CPE internship and residency at Wake Forest University Medical Center. She is a spiritual director, and was a hospice chaplain for 10 years before coming to HPCG, where she has been since 2011. Isley-Landreth is a board certified clinical chaplain through The College of Pastoral Supervision and Psychotherapy, Piedmont Triad Chapter.

About Chris Morris, MDiv

Chris Morris, MDiv received his bachelors in religious studies from UNC-Charlotte and MDiv from The Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond. He did his CPE residency at Wake Forest University Medical Center and has been employed with HPCG for the past eight and a half years.

About Nancy Vaders, MDiv

Nancy Vaders, MDiv completed her bachelor's degree at the University of Tennessee, her MDiv at Duke Divinity School and did her CPE residency at Wake Med Hospital in Raleigh. Vaders has been a chaplain with HPCG for four years.

About HPCG

HPCG, a nonprofit organization serving Guilford County and surrounding areas since 1980, is situated on a 14.75 acre campus at 2500 Summit Avenue. HPCG provides physical, emotional and spiritual support for children and adults faced with a life-limiting illness, as well as their caregivers and families. For more information, call 336.621.2500 or visit www.hospicegso.org.

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