ANNUAL SPRING CONFERENCE
April 27 – 28, 2017

The Bongiorno Conference Center
Carlisle, Pennsylvania

The Path Through Suffering for the
“Nones,” Atheists and Agnostics

Keynote Speaker: Sister Patricia Murphy, PhD, BCC
Presenter: Rev. John Skanse, M.Div., BCC

Session 1: Who are “Nones,” Atheists, and Agnostics and what do they need from Chaplains?
Are there atheists in Pennsylvania and what do their chaplains need? This session will include information from research as well as discussion from participants.
Presenter: Sr. Patricia Murphy

Session 2: Case Studies
This session will apply information from earlier session as well as the wisdom of the gathered chaplains.
Presenter: Sr. Patricia Murphy

Session 3: Group Creation Management
Presenter: John Skanse

Session 4: Dignity Therapy for Persons in Palliative Care using the work of Harvey Chochinov, MD
This session will include a presentation and interaction from the participants.
Presenter: Sr. Patricia Murphy

A 60-minute Breakout Session will also be provided for chaplains serving in common settings for sharing ideas with one another about addressing common issues (Possible Groups: Hospital, Hospice, Long Term Care, Fire/Police, Student, Preparing for Board Certification and Retired).

Participation in the full conference will earn you 9 Contact Hours.

It is our hope that you will join us in this gathering of chaplains from Pennsylvania and neighboring states. We look forward to you taking part in this venture which features both educational and networking opportunities.
KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Sr. Patricia Murphy, PhD, BCC
Our main keynote speaker for 8 of our 9 contact hours has a doctorate degree in pastoral counseling from Loyola University in Baltimore, MD, and a master’s in Christian spirituality from St. Louis University, St. Louis, MO. She is an associate professor and has taught research and statistics, as well as counseling, for many years at Rush University Medical Center, College of Health Sciences, Chicago, IL. Board certified, she also is the chaplain for the inpatient psychiatry units at Rush. Sr. Murphy's research has examined the role of religious beliefs in adults diagnosed with depression. To learn more about her own work and her work with George Fitchett, go to Research in Religion, Health & Human Values on the Rush website: https://www.rushu.rush.edu/research/departmental-research/religion-health-and-human-values-research

PRESENTER:

Rev. John Skanse, M.Div, BCC
After receiving a M.Div. in Pastoral Care from Bethel Theological Seminary in St. Paul, MN, 30 years as a congregational pastor in the Midwest, while serving 20 years as an Air Force Chaplain with the Illinois Air National Guard and 4 years as a Police Chaplain, he earned 6 CPE units in a Residency program at St. Luke's Medical Center, Milwaukee, WI. Chaplain John began at Albert Einstein Medical Center as the Trauma / Emergency Department Staff Chaplain in November 2007 and was Board Certified by the Association of Professional Chaplains in 2008. He also served as the Clergy and Lay Liaison for all religious volunteers at Einstein, and Palliative Care Coordinator for chaplaincy until his retirement at the end of 2016. He also served as President of the Pennsylvania Society of Chaplains 2012-2013. He is presently engaged in writing a book on "The Chaplain's Expertise" and another on "A New Hermeneutic for Biblical Interpretation".

DIRECTIONS TO BONGIORNO CONFERENCE CENTER
430 Union Hall Road, Carlisle, Pa 17013 • 717-243-7381

From the Turnpike: Take Turnpike Exit #226 and follow U.S. 11 South into Carlisle. This becomes Hanover Street. Follow Hanover to High Street. Make a right onto High Street. Go four blocks to College Street and follow directions below.*

From Rt. 81 Southbound: Take Exit #49. Turn right at end of exit ramp and go toward town on Rt. 641, Trindle Road. This becomes High Street. Follow High Street into town past the Square to College Street and follow directions below.*

From Rt. 81 Northbound: Take Exit #47 and turn left at end of exit ramp and proceed toward town on Hanover Street (Hwy. 34). Follow Hanover to High Street. Make a left onto High Street and proceed four blocks to College Street and follow directions below.*

* Directions once you reach College Street: Turn right onto College Street (74 N.). Go 6 blocks to an arrow indicating Rt. 74 to the left. Follow Rt. 74 (Waggoners Gap Road) past schools and cross over a bridge. Turn left at the second road after the bridge (Union Hall Rd.). Follow Union Hall Rd. approximately 1 mile. The Conference Center is on the left. Follow the driveway to the conference buildings (see enclosed conference center map).
Conference Schedule  
(9 Contact Hours)

**Thursday, April 27, 2017**

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  Executive Committee Board Meeting – Hotel Meeting Room

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.  Registration – Hotel Meeting Room A

1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.  Welcome and Opening Worship

1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  **Session 1: (Contact Hours: 3.5)**  
*Who are “Nones,” Atheists, and Agnostics and what do they need from Chaplains?*
*Presenter: Sr. Patricia Murphy*

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  Dinner

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  **Session 2: (Contact Hours: 2.0)**  
*Case Studies applying information from Session 1*
*Presenter: Sr. Patricia Murphy*

8:00 p.m.  Fellowship and Refreshments

**Friday, April 28, 2017**

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.  Breakfast

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  **Session 3: (Contact Hours: 1.0)**  
*Group Creation Management*
*Presenter: Rev. John Skanse*

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  Breakout Group Session  
Possible Groups: Hospital, Hospice, Long Term Care, Fire/Police, Student, Preparing for Board Certification, Retired

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  PA Society of Chaplains Membership Meeting

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.  Lunch

1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  **Session 4: (Contact Hours: 2.5)**  
*Dignity Therapy for Persons in Palliative Care using the work of Harvey Chochinov, MD*
*Presenter: Sr. Patricia Murphy*

3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  Closing Worship
DON'T DELAY! THE DEADLINE FOR CONFERENCE REGISTRATIONS IS FRIDAY, APRIL 7.
** Registrations for Conference Lodging & Meals and Commuter Meals a la carte will not be accepted after April 7. **

If you are requesting your institution to send the registration and check, please forward a copy of the registration form to Kelly prior to the deadline.

** Registration (includes registration, hand-outs, and snacks)
- PA Society of Chaplains Active/Emeritus Members: $150
- Friends of the Society or Non-PA Society of Chaplains Members: $200
- CPE Students / Trainees: $150

** Lodging and Meals (1 nights lodging + 3 meals)
- (Standard Room – Single occupancy): $140
- (Standard Room – Double occupancy): $115

Roommate’s Name (double occupancy): _________________________________________

** Commuters: Facility Fee and Meals a la carte
- Commuter Facility Fee: $30
- Commuter Meals a la carte
  - Thursday Dinner: $13
  - Friday Breakfast: $8
  - Friday Lunch: $10

** Total Conference Fees
- Registration Fee (Required for All Participants): $___________
- Conference Lodging and Meals: $___________
- OR Commuter Fees
  - Commuter Facility Fee: $___________
  - Commuter Meals a la carte: $___________

** Total Conference Costs (No Refund Requests Will Be Accepted): $___________

*** You may also submit with the conference fees a donation to the Smith Scholarship Fund of the Pennsylvania Society of Chaplains (donations are tax deductible). $___________

** Special Needs (please specify): _____________________________________________________________

** Dietary Requirements (please specify): _____________________________________________________________

Questions regarding your registration? Call Kelly Kleckner at 717-544-5979 OR Email kjkleckn@LGHealth.org

Please mail your completed registration along with your check payable to
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