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Sun, October 30 - Wed, November 2, 2016
at 'The CASA' - Franciscan Renewal Center –
Scottsdale, Arizona

For those unable to attend this recent rich and varied Gathering, we want to share some of the wisdom and experience offered during our presentations. Below are some synopses of the presentations as reported by two Communications Team member attendees Allison Cornell and Susan Shannon. You will also find links to the presenter's generously offered Power Point presentations.

Monday Presentations: Hospice and End of Life Care by Allison Cornell

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Monday, the first day of our gathering, we had three presentations on topics of hospice and end of life care. Following an opening meditation from the Buddhist tradition, our first presentation was given by Denise Sanders, a Palliative Care Nurse, on "Symptom Management at the End of Life" and various drugs used in Palliative/Hospice Care.

We discussed the importance of open communication between chaplains and nurses/doctors. And how important it is that the chaplains be able to recognize and report observed changes in behavior that might be due to possible patient sensitivities to certain medications. It was noted that each person may react differently to different medications – for one person it may relieve pain and anxiety and for another it may heighten anxiety. As chaplains, it is important to be aware of any observable changes and to alert the medical team.

Another lively discussion centered around helping patients and families adjust their perspectives about potential addiction to certain medications with end of life patients. We talked about how chaplains can aid in helping families understand the importance of comfort for the patients and that addiction concerns are not significant at end of life.

Denise's presentation was very useful and helpful in understanding what various drugs are used at end of life and how chaplains observing behavioral changes can offer a bridge between patient, families, and medical team.

[**Click here to open Denise Sanders' Power Point presentation "Symptom Management at the End of Life"**](#)

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The second presentation was my own, Allison Cornell. Inspired by my 82 year old father asking me a couple years ago if my tablet had an application that would allow him to

**Chaplain Corps of the United States Army**

Recently, the Army has rapidly diversified in recent years, and this of course includes a diversification in religious beliefs among Soldiers. In these changes, the Army has come to a point of being critically short in Chaplains of the Buddhist faith, when taking the recent increase in Soldiers of this particular faith group.

The Army strives to ensure that all Soldiers are able to have access to a Chaplain of similar faith. That has led to us being in search of qualified, passionate people of the Buddhist faith that would like to serve both their country, as well as Soldiers in the Army as a Buddhist Chaplain.

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Housecall Providers, Portland Oregon
Palliative Care Spiritual Counselor - Full Time

Housecall Providers is a unique nonprofit medical practice offering primary care, palliative care and hospice services to homebound individuals.

The Spiritual Counselor is responsible for providing spiritual, pastoral and emotional care for patients and families, as well as staff.

Qualifications -- Education, Training and Experience: A minimum of two years hospice or palliative care experience strongly preferred. Masters of Divinity or equivalent required. 4 units CPE required. Board Certified or Board Certified Eligible. Completion of a comprehensive hospice or palliative care training program for chaplaincy is preferred.

A diverse religious, spiritual and cultural experience encouraged. Electronic medical record experience highly recommended.

see his childhood home in West Virginia, I presented my research paper about using Google Earth to help patients with their frequent desire to revisit former places of significance in their lives... notably homes, schools, and places of employment.

My research indicated that "life review" and "reminiscence therapy" are both effective tools to help those who are elderly or approaching end of life. By using Google Earth, I demonstrated how the combined overhead satellite imagery and street views allows a chaplain to "fly/drive" a patient to their special geographic locations of significance. People are able to take a virtual tour of those places and describe and talk about what their life was like when they used to live there.

While much of this type of journey down memory lane may be positive, the chaplain needs to also be aware that some of the places in a person's life may not be pleasant. There is the possibility of bringing up memories of abuse, broken relationships, anger, and deep sadness. The patient may be triggered into a PTSD episode and need psychological/psychiatric help. Chaplains are encouraged to do a follow up with the patient if there are strong negative emotions expressed during the Google Earth virtual pilgrimage.

[**Click here to open Allison Cornell's Power Point presentation "Going Home Again - Virtual Pilgrimages Using Google Earth"**](#)

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The third morning session introduced Deb Morwood and her hospice chaplain experience. Deb talked about her evolving role from hospice volunteer to ordained minister and chaplain for hospice.

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This was followed by a time of questions and answers/discussion with a panel consisting of the three

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MONTHLY MEETING

SCHEDULE:

Program + Fiduciary Councils:

2nd Thursday, 4:30 pm Pac Time

Communications Team:

4th Thursday, Time TBA



CSCPF welcomes your participation on any of our Functional Teams.

presenters for that morning.

All in all it was a rich time of discussion and exploring various aspects of the end of life care and the chaplain's role in that work.

Tuesday Presentations: Community Chaplaincy *by Susan Shannon*

CSCPF is proud to be a forerunner in lifting up and bringing professional validation to some of the new facets of chaplaincy. On this rich Tuesday morning offering, participants witnessed 3 in-depth presentations by some of our members working in a variety of Community Chaplaincy settings.



The first, presented by Susan Shannon, M. Div, was a compelling presentation on her work at San Quentin State Prison including chaplaincy on Death Row. Susan showed a video from the Guiding

Rage into Power (GRIP) program she facilitates, under the auspices of Insight-Out.org and Jacques Verduin. The audience was deeply moved to witness the power of forgiveness, the power of interconnectedness, and the transformative nature of the yearlong program. She went on to share a power point titled "The Spiritual Needs of Inmates" which focused on the necessity of recognizing where spiritual disconnection happens, and ways and means to foster connection, as well as our obligation as "free people" to implement Restorative Justice practices in our communities.

[**Click here to open Susan Shannon's Power Point presentation "Spiritual Needs of Inmates"**](#)

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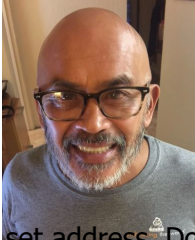
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Don Oyao followed with a presentation on Street Chaplaincy, specifically with the "un-homed" population. In Don's inimitable style, he gave us some new language and context by which to talk about those of us who live on the streets without

a set address. Don's participation in a 'Street Retreat' was at the center of this presentation. For many days Don and a group of others chose to live "un-homed" on the streets of San Francisco. Though not Don's first experience at living without a home, this experience in particular brought Don and the rest of us closer in recognizing a greater dimension of humanity within those who live on the streets, by choice or not. During the panel discussion later, Don really unpacked the needs of the 'un-homed' from their perspective, as well as dispelled common myths about that population that we, as "homed" people, often project. Issues such as spirituality, health care, advanced directives, community support and assumptions and truths surrounding the causes of being un-homed were discussed at length.

[Click here to open Don Oyao's Power Point presentation "Meeting Homelessness with Street Chaplaincy"](#)

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Jack Abel rounded out our discussion with a fact-filled presentation on providing chaplaincy at Caron Treatment Center in Pennsylvania. Presented with a clear, clinical but spiritual perspective, Jack walked us

through a short history of addiction-recovery practices in the United States, up to the present. His dedication to this work and this population is evident by the passion behind his knowledge and experience. Jack's work includes teens, adults, seniors, and health care and legal professionals. Themes of social and spiritual connection and disconnection as key factors in addiction and recovery were interwoven throughout Jack's presentation.

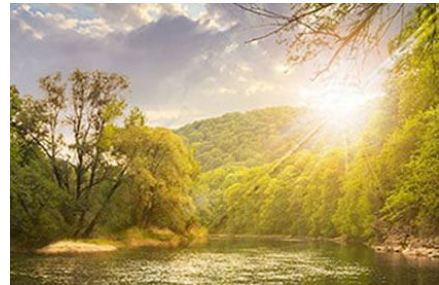


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We value relationship, and participation is a way of establishing a relationship with colleagues and the discipline of spiritual care in general.

We invite you to join as an individual member and then find and become an active member in a local Practitioner Community. Another option is for you to establish your own Practitioner Community with a few other colleagues from your work place or your community.

[Click here to open Jack Abel's Power Point presentation "Chaplaincy in Addiction Treatment"](#)

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After the presentations, Jack, Susan and Don answered questions and had dialog with the participants of the conference. Many people had experienced conflict within themselves, at one time or another, about how to help people with addictions, the "un-homed" or even those in re-entry programs from prisons. The widespread exposure to people in all three categories once again spoke to the need for the profession of chaplaincy to fully notice and formally recognize these specialized categories as legitimate placements for chaplains.

CSCPF is ahead of its time in doing so, and for that we are grateful!



## GATHERING TIME

"it was the  
gathering time  
again -  
the time when  
love showed up  
all at once -  
with laughter,  
whispers,  
and even tears,  
warming the house  
with its fullness."

-- terri st.cloud

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