

Rev. Craig Schneider, MDiv, BCC

The term ‘ministry’ truly defines Craig Schneider. He is a United Methodist pastor and a Board Certified Chaplain with over 25 years of ministry including serving as a spiritual educator. Currently, he serves as the Spiritual Care Division Manager at Good Samaritan Hospital in Dayton, Ohio where he oversees the Pastoral Care Department and the GSH Health Ministries Program. He also works in the areas of patient rights and organizational ethics, end-of-life issues, human subject clinical trials, patient education materials development, and provides spirituality groups for mental health patients.



Craig has been an HMA member since 1999. He has been a long-time supporter of health ministry on the local, regional and national levels. Locally in the Dayton, Ohio area he has served as part of an educational team for numerous Health Ministry trainings, conducting the spiritual care segments for many years. He also co-developed a highly successful two day pastoral care training “The Gift of Caring Presence” for nurses and lay ministers that was offered for many years both locally and regionally. He has also written patient care educational booklets on the topics of grief support and end of life support for use in both the hospital and for faith communities.

He has spoken at both the regional and national levels promoting health ministry and spiritual care development for nurses and health ministers. For HMA Craig has presented in both pre-conference and workshop offerings at numerous national conferences. He also served as a member of the planning team for the '09 HMA Regional Conference in Covington, KY., and was an active member of the former Southwest Ohio Chapter.

Prior to moving into ministry, Craig worked as an accountant specializing in taxation with Ernst & Whinney (now Ernst & Young) and NCR Corporation for four years. This background allowed Craig to also serve HMA exceedingly well as both a member of the HMA Finance Committee and later as a board member as Treasurer from 2009-2014. During his tenure as Treasurer Craig strengthened HMA’s financial structure and enhanced many processes and financial reporting mechanisms for HMA members. He also served as a member of the Executive Committee and assisted with their projects as needed.

Personally, Craig is not only a great manager, but a caring friend and colleague who will lend a hand and a listening ear to anyone in need. His spirit, energy and passion for ministry along with his long-time, dedicated support to the faith-health movement, make him an excellent recipient of the Wilkerson-Droege Award.