

2017 Health Ministries Association National Conference



The Sacred Practice of Caring: Working Together for Healthier Communities

September 11 – 13, 2017

St. Elizabeth Technical and
Educational Center, Erlanger, KY

Objectives:

- Network with individuals from across the nation whose work occurs at the intersection of faith and health.
- Examine best practice models related to the sacred art of caring.
- Apply unique approaches of working together for healthier communities.

Conference Highlights:

- 5 National Keynote Speakers
- Peace Breakfast with International Faith Leader
- Ten Concurrent Workshop Sessions
- Hall of Excellence – Poster Presentations
- Exhibit Hall
- Spiritual Offerings

Conference Schedule:

Monday, Sept. 11, 8:45am – 7:30pm
Tuesday, Sept. 12, 8:45am – 7:30pm
Wednesday, Sept. 13, 8:00am – 12:30pm

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Keynote Speakers



*"Finding Meaning
in Caring"*

Evangeline Andarsio, M.D. is a Clinical Associate Professor at Wright State Univ. (WSU) Boonshoft School of Medicine in Dayton, Oh, the Dir. of the Remen Institute for the Study of Health and Illness (RISHI) and Dir. of the National Healer's Art Program at WSU. During the past 16 years, Andarsio has developed spiritual connections in the medical profession and doctor-patient relationships. Her training includes attending various workshops with Rachel Naomi Remen, M.D. at RISHI in Bolinas, CA, and obtaining certification of advanced studies in spirituality and Spiritual Direction at the Institute for Spiritual Leadership in Chicago. Andarsio is passionate about serving her patients and other physicians and health care professionals - to "heal the healer" in this complex health care system.



*"Midnight Sonata at
the Mayo Clinic"*

Nora Gallagher is an American writer of memoir, fiction and essays whose work, as one reviewer said, "is renewing the language of ultimate concerns." Her most recent book, *Moonlight Sonata at the Mayo Clinic*, is a memoir exploring her experience with a baffling affliction poised to take her sight. Her work is a map of illness, uncertainty, and faith that is both meditative and highly relatable for anyone who has experienced life-threatening illness or supported a loved one who has. This latest book is part three of a quartet on modern faith as it is lived out. It begins with bestseller *Things Seen and Unseen: A Year Lived in Faith*, a finalist in the Spiritual category of the 1998 Books for a Better Life Awards, followed by *Practicing Resurrection: A Memoir of Work, Doubt, Discernment, and Moments of Grace*.



*"What's Faith Have
to do With It?"*

Rabbi Abie Ingber is a pioneering advocate of immigrant and refugee rights and interfaith collaboration. He founded and directs the Center for Interfaith Community Engagement at Xavier Univ. in Cincinnati, a Jesuit university where Ingber works with people of all faiths and ages toward the goals of mutual understanding and social justice. He previously served as executive director and rabbi at Hillel Jewish School Center and the Univ. of Cincinnati. His passion for Tikkun Olam "healing the world" in Hebrew has led him to meet not only with refugees around the world, but also with three popes, Rev. Jesse Jackson, human rights activist Elie Weisel, and Miep Gies, the woman who tried to save Anne Frank during the Holocaust. In 2016, Rabbi Ingber received Roosevelt University's highest honorary degree, the Doctor of Social Justice, *honoris causa*.



*"Blessed are the Crazy:
Breaking the Silence about Mental
Illness, Family and Church"*

Rev. Dr. Sarah Griffith Lund is passionate about loving her family, God, and being part of faith communities. Lund's mission is to spread hope and love to people in pain and on the margins. Sarah is a national speaker and author of the highly acclaimed *Blessed are the Crazy: Breaking the Silence about Mental Illness, Family and Church*. She is an ordained minister and has served as a pastor in three states and now serves as a Vice President for Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, and Vice Chair of the United Church of Christ Mental Health Network (UCC MHN). She received the Bob and Joyce Dell Award for Mental Health Education from UCC MHN in 2015 for "her outstanding authorship and leadership in breaking the silence about mental illness in family and in church and offering healing and hope."



*"Social Determinants of
Health And Beyond"*

Lauren A. Taylor, M.Div., M.P.H. is a health services researcher at Harvard Business School, where she is earning her doctorate in health policy and management. Prior to joining Harvard, Taylor co-authored *The American Health Care Paradox*, which has been reviewed by CSPAN and The New York Times, and has become required reading at medical, public health and nursing schools across the country. Taylor's current work focus is on health care organizational theory and strategy, with an emphasis on the integration of health and social services. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in the History of Medicine and a Master of Science in Public Health from Yale University. She has been a health care chaplain and studied ethics as a Presidential Scholar at Harvard's Divinity School.

For more information on the keynote speakers go to the Upcoming Conference page on HMAssoc.org.