**Partners in Caring**

**Partnering with Palliative and Hospice Care Providers**

*Workshop Purpose*

This workshop is designed to provide clergy and other faith leaders, lay ministers, support staff, and volunteers with additional information to complement the CCCC “Partners in Caring” seminar. Specifically, it focuses on practical guidance from end-of-life care providers in your community on how faith leaders and multi-disciplinary clinical teams can work together to improve quality of life for seriously ill community members and their families.

*Learning Objectives:*

Upon completion of this workshop, participants will be able to:

* Describe the services provided by palliative and hospice care programs and who can benefit from them
* Describe the complementary roles of spiritual care leaders and palliative/hospice care providers
* Utilize referral systems for linking those they serve to needed palliative care, hospice, and grief support services
* Collaborate with community end-of-life care providers to improve end-of-life care for those they serve

*Suggested Format:*

A successful format for this event is a three-to-four person panel made up of members of a local palliative or hospice care team or a combination of both. This panel ideally will be multi-disciplinary, with members who are able to speak from experience about how faith practitioners and end-of-life clinical care providers can work together effectively. Examples include a palliative care physician, a palliative care or hospice social worker and/or nurse, and a hospice chaplain.

The panel presentation is then followed by ample time for audience Q & A and discussion.

In most cases, 90 minutes is an adequate amount of time for this event if the panel segment is limited to 30-45 minutes, with the remainder of the time dedicated to discussion.

The panel presentation will ideally cover the following key topics, which have been identified by faith leaders as important to them:

* The basics of palliative and hospice care, including the differences between the two
* Who can benefit from palliative care, hospice, and grief support services and how to make referrals to each
* How faith leaders can best collaborate with care teams in supporting their members who are on service
* How grief support services work and who can access them

*Resources:*

1. Sample Agenda
2. Sample PowerPoint slide deck (Note: If the panel format does not lend itself to a slide presentation, the outline version of the PowerPoint can provide suggested talking points.)
3. Evaluation form
4. Suggested Handouts:
   1. NHPCO faith brochure
   2. NHPCO “How can palliative care help me?”
   3. NHPCO “When someone you care about is seriously ill”
   4. “When Death Is Near” booklet (available online for purchase)
   5. “Hard Choices for Loving People” booklet (available online for purchase)
   6. Stages of Dying
   7. The Role of Clergy in Hospice Referrals
   8. Local palliative care and hospice program brochures
   9. Online resource list