

Chaplains Newsletter

FALL 2017



Deliverance Seminar

Date: October 27 - 28, 2017 Location: Airdrie Alliance Church Speakers: Doug & Teri Balzer

Holy Spirit Encounter

Date: October 13, 2017

Location: Valleyview Community Church (Hosted by Capstone Church

& The Exchange)

Speakers: Doug & Teri Balzer, Kyle Harnett

Date: November 24, 2017 Location: Tolfield Alliance Church Speakers: Doug & Teri Balzer

WCD Prayer Retreat

Date: November 6-9, 2017 Location: Chateau Lake Louise This event is for official workers only.

For more details and registration, please visit our website. https://transformcma.ca/events/



Calgary Airport Interfaith Services

Part-Time Chaplain (Volunteer)

Hockey Ministries International

HMI Hockey Chaplain (Calgary Area)

Bridges of Canada

Full-Time / Part-Time Chaplain

Marketplace Care Canada

Female Team Member

For more details and full job descriptions, please visit our website. https://transformcma.ca/employment/employment-opportunities/



Welcome to the Team!

REGISTRATION

STILL OPEN

We want to welcome Ralph Magnus to the lead team for WCD-AAC (district level) and also as one of two representatives on The Association of Alliance Chaplains (national) team with Kris Knutson on behalf of our district.

Ralph Magnus is currently serving as a Spiritual Care Manager, supervising chaplains in 7 Alberta hospitals that are part of Covenant Health, the Catholic Health care provider in Alberta. Ralph served churches in Alberta, Saskatchewan, Ontario and Manitoba as pastor from 1978 to 2004, when he began the transition to hospital chaplaincy. Ralph and his wife Judy live in Edmonton.





This Month's Spiritual Care begins with Love and Compassion HIS-story... BY: Rev. Dr. Albert Kwan

People are allocated to live in a long term care center because they depend on health practitioners to care for their daily health need. Thus, both physical and spiritual care will be provided as they come in. Because spiritual care is person centred care, therefore a chaplain's constant manifestation of God's love, compassion and concern to people is the heart of the spiritual care. As the chaplain of Wing Kei Care Centers[1] (WKCC), we convey the symbols of God's love and caring, and relating people as real persons and indeed like friends; not simply as residents. We seek to help people rediscover hope, resilience and inner strength in times of illness and loss.

For our spiritual care, we know the group spiritual sharing meeting is the excellent time to get people together, to share their fear, worries and frustration; so as to comfort them with encouraging words, recognize their pains and show our sympathy and understanding to their current condition. Give them the warm and sincere greetings when we meet in the hallway. We extend our care and compassionate help to their family members, and especially in the moment when they farewell their loved one by our active presence with them. Pastoral care visitations provide personal touch and care to each individual and tell them we have hope because God's love is surrounding us. Authentic communication is to encourage them to feel free to express their feelings so as to establish rapport or connectedness between us.



The art of listening: as a chaplain, if we really listen, we will hear pain, even feel it. Hence, active listening with empathy is to provide emotional support and to seek peace with ourselves. Try to brighten their day by encouraging positive thinking and it is a treasure to reminisce their old days. Just to ensure they know they are always be love by God and us.



Our chaplaincy ministry in WKCC works hard to provide holistic care, comfort in whatever circumstances they may be in, and to proclaim there is hope and love in God so they can live well and die faithfully. We are steadfast in our helping of residents' spiritual wellbeing can improve their health and quality of life when they live in WKCC.

WKCC SUNDAY CHAPEL SERVICE

[1] Wing Kei Care Centre: "Wing Kei" is the Chinese term, which translated literally, means: "Glorify God". WKCC is the only Chinese Christian Long Term Center in Calgary.