

**‘CARING FOR THE HUMAN SPIRIT CONFERENCE’ TO EXPLORE RESEARCH AND CLINICAL ADVANCES ON INTEGRATING SPIRITUAL CARE IN HEALTH CARE**  
*HealthCare Chaplaincy’s Annual Event Will Feature World-Renowned Experts, Multi-Disciplinary Attendees*

**NEW YORK, N.Y. (January 5, 2016)**—HealthCare Chaplaincy Network (HCCN) will explore the latest in evidence-based thought, research, and clinical experience related to integrating spiritual care in health care at its third annual “Caring for the Human Spirit Conference” on April 11-13.

The three-day conference, at the Hyatt Regency Mission Bay, San Diego, Calif., will feature highly-regarded experts in spiritual care and palliative care from around the world, and is expected to draw a multi-disciplinary, international audience of physicians, nurses, social workers, chaplains, researchers, educators, and other health care professionals. Participants can attend in person or via webcast.

“This global conference reinforces the critical value of spiritual care as part of whole-person care,” said Rev. Eric J. Hall, HCCN’s president and CEO. “It promises like in past years to be transformative, highlighting the latest advances in the field and laying the groundwork for the spiritual care of the future.”

Leading off the conference will be Harvey Max Chochinov, M.D., Ph.D., FRSC, a distinguished professor in the department of psychiatry, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB Canada, who is renowned for his research into the emotional and psychological needs of dying patients. His keynote address is, “Dignity, Person and Deconstructing Connectedness.”

Plenary session speakers are: Tracy A. Balboni, M.D., M.P.H., associate professor-radiation oncology, Harvard Medical School, Dana-Faber Cancer Institute, Boston, Mass.; George Fitchett, D.Min., Ph.D., professor and director of research, department of religion, health and human values, Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, Ill.; Carlo Leget, Ph.D., professor in ethics of care, University of Humanistic Studies, Utrecht, the Netherlands; and Rev. Kevin Massey, M.Div., BCC, vice president, mission and spiritual care, Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, Park Ridge, Ill.

In addition, more than 30 interactive workshops and a scientific poster session will focus on timely topics such as quality improvement, advance care planning, spiritual assessment and documentation, clinician burnout, best practices, therapeutic outcomes, and ethical issues. Physicians, nurses and social workers can earn 17 Continuing Education Units.

The event also includes a renewal ceremony for professional chaplains, multi-faith prayer services, and an exhibit hall. For more information, supporter and exhibitor opportunities, and to register, including early bird registration through March 14, visit [www.healthcarechaplaincy.org/conference](http://www.healthcarechaplaincy.org/conference).

**About HealthCare Chaplaincy Network™**

HealthCare Chaplaincy Network™ is a global health care nonprofit organization that offers spiritual-

related information and resources, and professional chaplaincy services in hospitals, other health care settings, and online. Its mission is to advance the integration of spiritual care in health care through clinical practice, research and education in order to increase patient satisfaction and help people faced with illness and grief find comfort and meaning—whoever they are, whatever they believe, wherever they are. For more information, visit [www.healthcarechaplaincy.org](http://www.healthcarechaplaincy.org), call 212-644-111, and connect with us on [twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

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