

May 21-24, 2018

Loyola on the Potomac Retreat House

Faulkner, Maryland



Compelling Voices: Starting Conversations That Matter

2018 NATIONAL CONFERENCE

PCN pediatric
chaplains
network 

Overlooking the Potomac River just south of Washington, DC, pediatric chaplains will gather in May to explore the power of voice—our own voices and the voices of those we serve.

The 2018 PCN National Conference will address issues such as child advocacy, pediatric homelessness, facilitating spiritual conversations, art as conversation starters, the narrative identity of teens, staff support, and self-care in the midst of trauma. Plans in development include an afternoon bus trip into Washington, DC, to meet with national leaders who are engaged in the important conversations that affect children and healthcare.

We bring this theme of compelling voices into a space designed originally for silent retreat. Within that dichotomy, we will share lively discussions, reflect on our work, explore resources, empower one another to pursue conversations that matter, and perhaps find time to sit quietly and watch the river go by.



We invite you to join chaplain colleagues for a time of focused learning and joyous camaraderie in a beautiful setting removed from the distractions of daily life. Here, among the people who “get” pediatric chaplaincy, you can choose from many offerings designed to help you find what you need: serenity, challenge, tools, colleagues, inspiration,

LEARN & GROW ALONGSIDE CHAPLAIN PEERS



Accommodations

Loyola on the Potomac is situated on 235 wooded acres just 45 miles from downtown Washington, DC. Built in 1958, this Catholic retreat center has been a place of discernment and rest for thousands of women and men. It offers small, single guest rooms, each with a half-bath. Shower rooms with private dressing areas and stalls are located conveniently on each hallway.

Travel

If flying, we encourage you to plan your travel through Reagan National Airport if at all possible. Your registration fee includes shuttle service to the Retreat House from this airport. If this is not feasible, you may contact Lavender Kelley for suggestions about reaching the conference site from other area airports: lkelley2@childrensnational.org.

Drivers will find plenty of parking available onsite.



Dress and Amenities

Dress for a PCN Conference is casual. Wear whatever you find most comfortable. Since weather—and air-conditioning systems—can be unpredictable, you might want to think “layers” and rain gear. The grounds have beautiful trails, so walking and hiking shoes may be in order.

The Retreat House does not provide toiletries, so you should bring with you whatever you need. We also recommend a pair of shower shoes.

Linens and towels are provided.

THINGS TO KNOW

Cost

Because many pediatric chaplains lack institutional support for travel and conferences, PCN is committed to offering conferences at a price that is affordable for a broad spectrum of participants. The cost for the 2018 Conference is \$375. This registration fee covers the cost of the conference program, a guest room for three nights, seven meals, a bus trip into DC, and airport shuttle service to and from Washington's Reagan National Airport. If you are unable to fly into Reagan National, please contact Lavender Kelley for alternative shuttle plans.

The deadline to register is **April 27, 2018**.

Scholarships

Some scholarships will be available for chaplains who do not receive other financial support for the conference. Those seeking assistance are invited to email Lavender Kelley at lkelly2@childrensnational.org. Please indicate the minimum amount you need to be able to attend. Scholarship requests must be received by **April 2**. You will be notified that week about the scholarship available to you.



FEES & REGISTRATION

Monday, May 21

- 9a-4:30p **PCI Onsite Intensive** (Additional registration and fee required.) See information page for details.
- 4:45p **First Time Attendee Meeting.** Brief gathering for first time attendees to connect with others and find ways to make the conference experience more meaningful.
- 6:45p **Welcome and Theme Exploration.** Lavender Kelley, PCN President, introduces the conference theme and shares theological vision and objectives for the conference.
- 7:15p **Ethics of Advocacy in a Healthcare Setting** A professional ethicist and Lavender Kelley will examine ethical constructs and pathways for making advocacy a vibrant part of pediatric chaplaincy.

Tuesday, May 22

- 9a **Raising our Voices in Healthcare Advocacy.** Dr. Kurt Newman, MD, President and CEO of Children's National Medical Center, leads an invigorating discussion on advocacy in healthcare.
- 10:45a **Child Advocacy Centers and Chaplains: Effective Collaborations.** *Carrie Walker Nettles* shares emerging voices and literature from the field to describe what child maltreatment professionals are doing to meet the spiritual needs of children. How might chaplains come alongside and create more opportunities to serve this population?
- 12:30-7:30p **Conversations that Matter in the Nation's Capital.** A bus trip into Washington, DC, to meet with national leaders and the Children's Defense Fund who are engaged in conversations that affect children and healthcare. This will be a time of learning and advocacy in action. Attendees are also invited to use part of this time to take in dinner and some of the sights in the nation's capital.

SCHEDULE PART 1

Wednesday, May 23

- 9a **The Deep Well: Compassion Satisfaction, not Compassion ~~Fatigue~~.** Vicki Pond offers an evidence-based model for regulating clinician engagement in the experience of trauma instead of advocating solely for self-care afterward.
- 10:45a **Voices of the Self: Adolescents' Narrative Identity from Development and Spiritual Care Perspectives.** Csaba Szilagyi reviews and discusses key research findings about narrative identity and applies these to the spiritual care of adolescents, whose evolving, integrative and internalized story of self is shaped by experiences with illness and grief.
- 2:15p **Interest Group Session 1** (See interest group breakout page)
- 3:45p **Interest Group Session 2** (See interest group breakout page)
- 7p **Staff Support Measures: An Integral Component of Hospital Chaplaincy.** *Chaplains from Children's National Medical Center* share a variety of measures for staff support and detail their impact. They will address the culture shift toward Corporate Chaplaincy and demonstrate how this does not diminish patient/family support. This time will include best practices that are sharply linked to staff retention of clinical staff, especially nurses.

Thursday, May 24

- 8:45a **Compelled to Create Conversations That Matter.** James Denham & Erin Babb Krasowski lead a closing ritual bringing together the insights, challenges and growth we have experienced together and sending us out with newly energized and inspired voices.



SCHEDULE PART 2

How Do I Do “Bedrest” With No Bed? *Sara Varnado*, a DC-based advocate for the homeless, explores how homeless families deal with daily challenges, including those related to a child’s illness and hospitalization. How has one social service agency partnered and collaborated with local hospitals to provide support? How can chaplains provide tactful and empathetic support?

Keeping the Conversation Going: Retreating With Families Who Lost a Child to Cancer. *James Denham and Pam Krinock* offer an introduction to Texas Children’s Oncology’s interdisciplinary Retreat of Renewal. Presenters will share retreat structure and content and talk about the impact on the spiritual well-being of chaplains as well as families.

Hearing Obscured Voices: Mental Health Chaplaincy. *Lindsay Bona* will facilitate a space of shared wisdom, best practices, and printable/online resources to support chaplains as they work with patients with various mental illnesses.

Using Children’s Picture Books and Postmodern Therapies for Pastoral Care of Children. *Jen Bluestein* helps participants learn how collaborative and narrative therapies can be combined with picture books during spiritual care encounters to engage children in theological reflection. Attendees are encouraged to bring a favorite picture book to share.

Using Art to Create Meaning and Sustain Enduring Connections. *Kara Larson* introduces an art journal as a tool for spiritual assessment and spiritual interventions with patients and families. The session will identify ways to use art to support meaning-making, share personal narratives, implement rituals, and create sacred space.

“Someone Doubted”: **When Faith is a Ticking Bomb.** *Rachel Brownson* will help participants identify theologies and beliefs that challenge them personally when encountered in patients/families and come away with ways to deal with those conflicts, and to help medical teams deal with them.



INTEREST GROUPS

Topic:

This year's pre-conference intensive will examine the wonder of our craft through the lens of **Holy Curiosity**. The nationally respected faculty of the Pediatric Chaplains Institute will lead this intensive which is designed for those who would like to gain a new perspective on how curiosity can deepen and sharpen their skills and insights in chaplaincy care. Chaplains of all skill levels are welcome and will find the model of the PCI engaging and educationally challenging.

Objectives:

- Learn and articulate the role of holy curiosity in chaplaincy
- Explore the benefits, barriers, and blessings of holy curiosity in our practice
- Develop and demonstrate helpful interventions for the benefit of our patients and families

Expectations:

- The Intensive will include a brief online exercise three weeks prior to the conference
- All participants are expected to arrive in time for dinner and orientation on Sunday evening
- 9 Hours CE Credits



PRE-CONFERENCE INTENSIVE: HOLY CURIOSITY

Pre-Conference Intensive Schedule

Sunday 5/20: Dinner 6:00 PM
Orientation 7-8:00 PM

Monday 5/21: Morning Session 8:30 - 12:00 PM
Lunch 12-1:00 PM
Afternoon Session 1:00 - 4:30 PM

Cost:

Intensive Only: \$150

With Conference Registration: \$125

Fee includes:

- Education Content with PCI Faculty
- Shuttle from Reagan National Airport (follow same instructions as for conference registration)
- Sunday Night Room Reservation
- Sunday Dinner
- Monday Breakfast and Lunch

Limited Space - Register Soon!

Registration limited to 20 participants

Registration Deadline:

April 27, 2018

Complete form and send a confirmation email to PCI Dean Rev. Kathleen Ennis-Durstine at kennisdu@childrensnational.org

PEDIATRIC CHAPLAINS
INSTITUTE

Faculty: Rev. Joanna Bailey, Spectrum Health, Helen DeVos Children's, Grand Rapids; Rev. Mark Bartel, Arnold Palmer Children's, Orlando; Rev. Paul Byrd, Children's of Alabama; Rev. Kathleen Ennis-Durstine, Dean, Children's National (D.C.); Rev. Bob Flory, Children's of Colorado; Rev. Patrick Jinks, Greenville Health.

PRE-CONFERENCE INTENSIVE DETAILS



Registration Form

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Loyola on the Potomac
9270 Loyola Retreat Rd, Newburg, MD 20664

How to Register

- **Deadline:** Registration must be received before April 27, 2018..
- **Complete the form below and mail with payment**
- **Registration Fee:** If PCN has already received your membership fee for 2018, you are eligible to register at the lower Member rate. If you have not joined for 2018, you may do so at our website (pediatricchaplains.org) and then register at the Member rate. If you are not a Member, please register using the Non-Member rate.
- **Payment options:** You or your institution may send a check to Pediatric Chaplains Network, P.O. Box 1664, Belton, TX 76513 –OR– payment may also be made through our website (pediatricchaplains.org).

Member Name	
Name & City of Hospital/Institution	
Preferred mailing address	
City	ZIP Code
Mobile Phone	State
Preferred email	Other Phone (if preferred)
Already a PCN member?	Will this be your first conference?
Do you need accommodation for mobility issues? Please describe.	
Do you need accommodation for dietary (including shellfish allergy) issues? Please describe	

Cost

2018 Member of PCN

Includes conference fee, meals, airport shuttle, and lodging.

- \$375 for Single Occupancy

Non-Member of PCN

Includes conference fee, meals, airport shuttle, and lodging.

- \$425 for Single Occupancy

Commuter—Member and Not a Member of PCN

Includes conference fee, lunch and dinner

- \$250
(Or \$100 for a single day)

Partner/Spouse of a Conference Attendees may be considered on a case by case basis. Due to the single occupancy rooms, you would need to arrange offsite accommodations. Please contact Lavender Kelley for more information.

Pre-Conference Intensive: Holy Curiosity

Sunday, May 21 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Monday, May 22, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

*** Upon registration**, please email PCI Dean,

Kathleen Ennis-Durstine

(kennisdu@childrensnational.org) so that you

receive pre-conference intensive materials.

- \$150 if you are participating only in the intensive
- \$125 if you are staying for the conference

**Pediatric Chaplains
Network**

P.O. Box 1664

Belton, TX 76513

Scholarships for PCN National Conference

Full and partial scholarships are available for a limited number of registrants who receive no financial support from their employing institution or other outside source. The deadline is **April 2** for scholarship applications.

For additional information, contact
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<p>Meeting Room Information: Map of facility is in your arrival packet</p> <hr style="border: 2px solid black;"/> <p>9:00-4:30 – PCI Onsite Intensive (Separate registration required)</p> <p>4:45 – First Time Attendee Meeting</p> <p>5:30—Dinner</p> <p>6:45p – Welcome & Theme Exploration – Lavender Kelley</p> <p>7:15p – Ethics of Advocacy in a Healthcare Setting - Lavender Kelley & a guest ethicist</p>	<p>7:30 – Morning Meditation</p> <p>7:30 — Breakfast</p> <p>9:00 — Keynote: Raising our Voices in Healthcare Advocacy — Dr. Kurt Newman, M.D., President and CEO of Children’s National Medical Center leads an invigorating discussion on advocacy in healthcare</p> <p>10:30 — BREAK</p> <p>10:45 — Child Advocacy Centers and Chaplains: Effective Collaborations – Carrie Walker Nettles</p> <p>12:00 Pick up boxed lunch</p>	<p>7:30 – Morning Meditation</p> <p>7:30 — Breakfast</p> <p>9:00 — The Deep Well: Compassion <u>Satisfaction</u>, not Compassion Fatigue — Vicki Pond</p> <p>10:15 — BREAK</p> <p>10:45 — Voices of the Self: Adolescents’ Narrative Identity from Development and Spiritual Care Perspectives – Csaba Szilagyi</p> <p>12:00-1:00—Lunch Optional Facilitated Table Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spiritual Care Managers • Interdisciplinary Work • Self Care 	<p>7:30 — Breakfast</p> <p>8:45 — Compelled to Create Conversations That Matte — James Denham & Erin Babb Krasowski</p> <p>10:00 – CEU certificates handed out and checkout process begins</p>
	<p>12:30p Conversations that Matter in the Nation’s Capital - Bus will take conference participants into Washington, DC to meet with national leaders and the Children’s Defense Fund.</p>	<p>1:00 — Business Meeting</p> <p>2:00 — Wilbert Foundation Presentation</p> <p>2:40 — Interest Group 1</p> <p>3:40 — BREAK</p> <p>3:50 — Interest Group 2</p> <p>4:50 — BREAK</p> <p>5:00 — Interest Group 3</p> <p>6:00 — Dinner</p> <p>7:00 — Staff Support Measures: An Integral Component of Hospital Chaplaincy — Chaplains from Children’s National Medical Center</p> <p>8:00 – PCN Pub Trivia Social</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Interest Group 1</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using Art to Create Meaning and Sustain Enduring Connections. — Kara Larson • How Do I Do “Bedrest” With No Bed? — Sara Varnado <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Interest Group 2</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using Children’s Picture Books and Postmodern Therapies for Pastoral Care of Children — Jen Bluestein • “Someone Doubted”: When Faith is a Ticking Bomb — Rachel Brownson <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Interest Group 2</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hearing Obscured Voices: Mental Health Chaplaincy — Lindsay Bona • Keeping the Conversation Going: Retreating With Families Who Lost a Child to Cancer — James Denham and Pam Krinock
	<p>Bus back to the retreat house will leave Washington, DC promptly at 7:30p</p>		