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**Intersection of Faith and Community Organizing
in Advanced Illness Care During COVID-19**

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to Transform Advanced Care (C-TAC)*

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Introductions



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Objectives

- 1 Discuss the role of faith leaders in supporting those in their communities affected by serious illness.
- 2 Explore how faith leaders can engage with parishioners affected by serious illness.
- 3 Share strategies with community organizations that they can use to engage w/ faith communities.

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**The Coalition to Transform
Advanced Care (C-TAC)**

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Mission



We are dedicated to the ideal that all Americans with advanced illness receive comprehensive, high-quality, person- and family-centered care that is consistent with their goals and values and honors their dignity.

We will achieve this by empowering consumers, changing the health delivery system, improving public and private policies, and enhancing provider capacity.

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Who we are

C-TAC represents 160+ national and regional organizations dedicated to ensuring that Americans with advanced illness receive care consistent with their values and that honors their dignity.

C-TAC's moonshot goal is to ensure that **12 million people** living with serious illness, especially the sickest and most vulnerable, have high quality of life.

To reach our moonshot, C-TAC is working with community coalitions to amplify 3 critical services:

- Appropriate clinical care
- On-the-ground community and social support
- Decision-making and planning centered on the patient's goals and values

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Our Work

Policy & Advocacy

Pursue comprehensive policy agenda to help guide advocacy initiatives, including delivery system reform, preference-driven care, caregiver and consumer support, and professional engagement.

Family & Caregiver Support

Collaborate with frontline organizations to create, fund, and distribute resources for caregivers and families.

State & Community Organizing

Transform advanced care by working on the ground with local health providers and community institutions. Connect and support state and community coalitions to deliver grassroots tools and frameworks.

Interfaith & Diversity Workgroup

Address the inclusion of spiritual care and social justice in health and reduce the variations in the quality of advanced illness care. Ensure that competent, culturally sensitive, and diverse spiritual care is an integral component of healthcare.

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Interfaith & Diversity Workgroup

"MEETING PEOPLE WHERE THEY ARE"

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Interfaith & Diversity Workgroup

- Partner with Faith Leaders, Community Based Organizations and Major Foundations
- Disseminate Templates for Faith Leaders: Caregiver Service | Focus Group Forum | Checklists| NHDD – to set an agenda, and align resources
- Faith Leader Engagements – Nationally and Locally
- Created Faith Leader Ladder of Engagement
- Webinars | Devotions | Podcast
- Policy Forum 2020 – Health Equity | National Summit – October 28-30
- National Faith Leader – National Engagement on the role of Faith Leaders in the US
- Currently working on with the Louisville Project: Creating a Model of Care for spiritual leaders to develop partnerships with health systems, health plans and other outside stakeholders to improve the quality of care for those with advanced illness and their family caregivers in their congregations and communities

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Seeing Around Corners in the Age of COVID-19

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Seeing Around The Corners

- COVID-19 as a Shock to Our System
- Not Helpless
- Mirrors on the Blind Curves
- How I Got Here
- Talks That Change the Future

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Clergy Help or Hindrance?



- Stumbling Block or Steppingstone
- Conversations That Display a Confident Faith
- Hope is Not a Plan
- “Regular” emergencies still happen
- Do You Know Where the Flashlight Is?

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Getting the Team Ready

- Making Sure You’re Not Alone
- If you become ill, what falls apart?
- If you become ill, who needs to know?
- If you become ill, where are the papers?
- If you become ill, who knows what you want and speaks on your behalf?



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Navigating Uncertainty

- We’ve been hiding our eyes
- Catching Up & Getting Ahead
- For More Help
- Talk Early Talk Often



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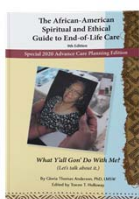
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What is HeartTones?

- Encouragement Resources for Caregivers & Bereavement
- ACP Education for Community & Faith-Based Organizations



“Crossing Over Jordan” ACP Event
The Center for Practical Bioethics & VITAS



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What is HeartTones?

- To provide culturally-responsive advance care planning educational tools and resources that specifically address the historical, cultural, and spiritual values of the African-American population.
- To work collaboratively with organizations that provide healthcare-related services, such as hospice and palliative care, to African-American communities.



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Addressing the Highest Priorities

- Is Advance Care Planning a priority in a pandemic?
- In the face of the pandemic, what do faith communities need most?
- What are the pressing issues and/or concerns for faith leaders?

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The 5 C's: A Recommended Approach to Engage with Faith Communities of Color

- Care
- Connect
- Contribute
- Commit
- Change



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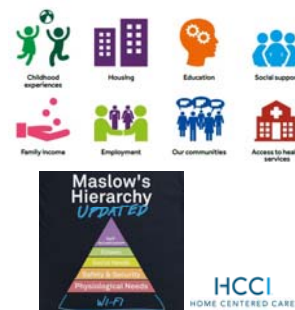
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Remember Our Audience

- Forget the monolith
- Remembering human connection
- Meet people where they are



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The Role of Faith

- Faith as a Cairn
- Medicine for trauma and stress
- % community participation depends on economic stability
- Some spaces of faith are closed to congregating in large numbers, but faith is up
- Turning towards service
- Turning inwards, care for the congregation



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Taking a Temperature



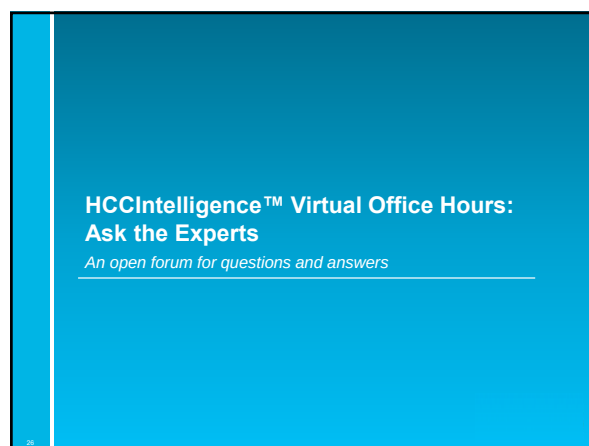
- Generate conversation
- Do a survey
- Ask for a hand raise
- Comment box
- Video reporting
- Token voting

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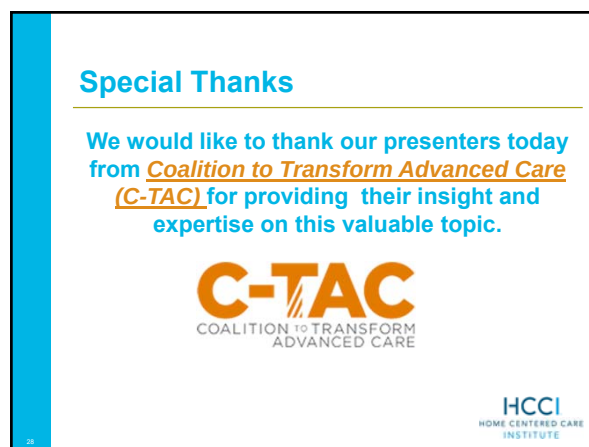
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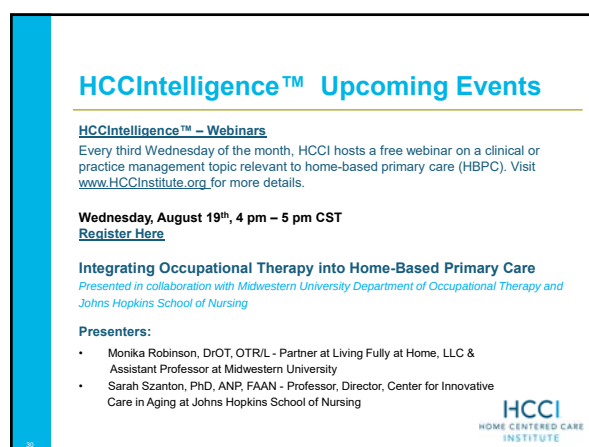
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