

## Caring for Each Other in Life and in Death:

### *The Role of Congregations in Health Care and End-of-life Planning*

Ministers have always helped plan and lead funerals and memorial services and offered pastoral care before and after death. However, in today's increasingly complex healthcare system and legal world, decision-making around healthcare planning and end-of-life can be incredibly confusing and fraught. Clergy and lay leaders may wonder about their role in end-of-life education and healthcare planning.

In this workshop, guest speakers skilled in health care planning, guardianship and conservatorship law, and palliative care will answer questions about the forms and processes. Congregational leaders will share stories and best practices from their congregations. Participants will leave with handouts for congregational use including health care proxy forms, personal directives, and guides to starting a conversation. and will learn more about becoming part of a community network to help connect adults and families to resources in their community. All Clergy & Lay Leaders are welcome!

**This workshop is especially provided for Metrowest Clergy & Lay Leaders. Come join us!**

**Tuesday May 6, 2014**

**Christ Church Episcopal | 750 Main Street, Waltham, MA**

**10 am to 2 pm | Lunch provided**

**Event is free, but RSVP required. Please register asap at:**

**<http://caringforeachotherinlifeanddeath.eventbrite.com>**

#### Speakers:

- **The Reverend Laura Everett**, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Council of Churches, will help to start a discussion to exchange stories and best practices;
- **Ellen M. DiPaola Esq.**, President of Honoring Choices Massachusetts, will provide health care planning information and Massachusetts documents for individual and group discussion;
- **Jennie Wright, BA, RN, CCM, ACM** Newton-Wellesley PHO, will offer valuable insight into advanced illness and end of life care, and discuss the ethical, physical, and emotional challenges.

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