

Welcome

Grief, loss and bereavement are a natural part of life. There is no experience more common to all people than loss. Attending to that loss is one form of ministry that the Spiritual Care Department seeks to provide.

Symptoms of grief may include:

1. A feeling of being overwhelmed by life
2. An overall sense of numbness, disbelief and denial.
3. A preoccupation with worthlessness
4. A survivor wishing s/he would have died also
5. Guilt

In an effort to meet the needs of grieving persons and families, the Spiritual Care Department of Genesis Health System strives to support those individuals who find themselves at this point in their life's journey. Through the aid of experienced Chaplains and qualified volunteers, group and individual opportunities are available for those needing a new beginning in their lives. Support is helpful & available for all ages.

For further information please call

(563) 421-7970.

Pastoral Leadership

Rev. Dr. Michael Robinson joined the Spiritual Care team in June 2008. He was ordained to the ministry December 31, 1972 and is endorsed by the American Baptist Churches, USA. He holds four degrees of higher learning including the B.A., M.A., M.Div. and the Ed. D. He has completed the course in Spiritual Direction Training at St. Ambrose University and is an Oblate of the Order of St. Benedict (St. Mary's Monastery) OOSB. In addition, he is a Certified Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor for the state of Iowa.

Michael is the designated Grief Counselor for the Department of Spiritual Care and has studied at the Center for Grief and Loss in Fort Collins, Colorado. Assigned to the west campus, Michael works in the Behavioral Health areas as well as the 5th floor, medical/surgical.

Michael has completed his 10th year as Pastor of a local congregation and serves as a volunteer Chaplain for the Bettendorf Police Department and the Scott County Sheriffs Department. Contemplative by nature, he is particularly drawn to the writings of Thomas Merton, The Desert Fathers, Henry Nouwen and Sue Campbell Brown.

Michael's personal goal is to teach others that life is a day-by-day series of gratitudes; one built upon another until we arrive at grief, which is gratitude for that which has been good.

Jim Hawkes holds a BA in General Ministry (Lincoln Christian College) and has been an ordained minister in the Christian Churches/ Churches of Christ, presently serving a local congregation. He is currently working towards two Masters degrees: one in Divinity and one in Counseling (Lincoln Christian Seminary). Part of his training and experience includes grief and crisis counseling. Jim has a God-given love for people, and a tremendous desire to walk with them during difficult times. Jim serves as a per diem and Volunteer Chaplain for Genesis Health System.

Spiritual Care Grief Recovery

Support Groups

**Genesis Medical Center
Davenport West Campus**

**1401 West Central Park
Davenport 52804**

Monday evenings

(1st, 3rd & 5th Monday of the month)

6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Location: Sunderbruch Room - West Campus
(South Visitor entrance off Lombard St.)

Wednesdays

(2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month)

12 Noon - 1:30 p.m.

Location: Serenity Room - West Campus
(South Visitor entrance off Lombard St.)

Registration Required

Genesis Medical Center

Silvis Illini Campus

**801 Illini Drive
Silvis, IL 61282**

Thursdays

10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Location: Wallen Room
(Larson Medical Center: Ground Floor)

For more information:

(563) 421-7970

Mission

Genesis Health System exists to provide compassionate, quality health services to all those in need.

The Spiritual Care Department exists to witness to and serve the Divine Presence within each person. We strive to fulfill this mission by providing compassionate, quality care in four primary ways:

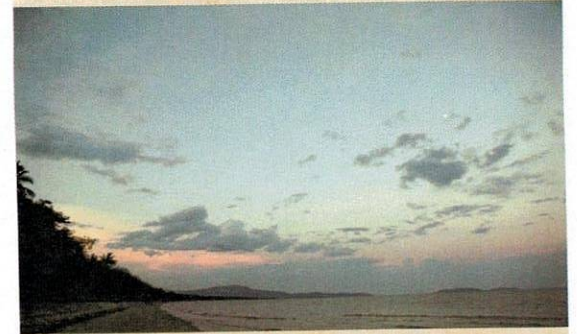
1. Conveying the Divine Presence through prayer, ritual and sacrament;
2. Embodying the Divine Presence through advocacy and voice;
3. Striving to be instruments of Divine Healing through compassionate listening, shepherding and companionship;
4. Participating in Divine Wisdom through acts of education, networking and guidance

Genesis Grief Recovery exists because the Journey of Grief is often a difficult one. We are there to walk with you.

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Spiritual Care Department
1227 East Rusholme St.
Davenport, IA 52803



Spiritual Care Department Grief Recovery Resources



Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8

To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under the heaven:

A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;

A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;

A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;

A time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak,

A time to love.