



2018 APC Annual Conference

Workshop Outline

Title: Crossing the Border: Developing a Justice Based Approach to Pastoral Care for the Future in Partnership with Immigrants, Persons of Color and The Incarcerated.

Saturday, July 14, 2018 3:00-4:30PM

Workshop Category: Diversity

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Summary:

In the hospitals and institutions where we work there are increasing populations like immigrants, the incarcerated and persons of color, i.e. African Americans, Latinos and other ethnic groups who are needing to be cared for through our pastoral care interventions. In our traditional methods of pastoral caregiving we are accustomed to the clinical method of learning and medical model in diagnosing and caring for persons in need of pastoral care.

Because of the systemic oppression and institutional factors which are impacting various communities in our nation, i.e. immigrants, persons of color and the incarcerated there are barriers which keep populations from assuming their full personhood. The processes of immigration, incarceration and acculturation have unique features which involve individual as well as systemic needs for justice and hope.

How do we as Pastoral Caregivers interact with the populations named to promote pastoral caregiving that is sensitive to the importance of context but also one's personhood? How do we use cultural humility to understand barriers faced by such groups and work towards eliminating barriers which keep persons from reaching their full personhood? How do we partner together for the future with populations who need care, justice and inclusivity?

Workshop Objectives:

Workshop participants upon conclusion of the workshop will be able to:

1. Explore how specific groups, i.e. immigrants, persons of color and the incarcerated need healing partnerships for the future.
2. Identify what barriers need to be broken to form healing partnerships with each other for the future.
3. Examine ways in which our own power, privilege and cultural humility impacts our ability to partner with immigrants, persons of color and the incarcerated.
4. Explore how our current methods of pastoral care giving can be justice based for creating a holistic and inclusive approach to care-giving that is both individual and systemic for healing partnerships.
5. Explore How we as Pastoral Caregivers embody justice in our care giving to form healing partnerships?

Workshop Overview:

- I. Introduction
- II. Video clip from Trails of Terror and Hope
- III. What barriers do immigrants, persons of color and the incarcerated face?
- IV. Identification of needs for healing among immigrants, persons of color and the incarcerated.
- V. Reflections on What Partnership looks like?
- VI. What does it look like to be a partner in shaping the future with immigrants, persons of color and the incarcerated?
- VII. Ways of Developing Justice Based Pastoral Caregiving.
- VIII. How we can as Pastoral Care Givers partner to form healing partnerships which embody justice.
- IX. Conclusions

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