

From Pulpit to Bedside: *Practical Dying*

In observance of Pastoral Care Week 2008, VNSNY Hospice Care offers the 2nd Annual “FROM PULPIT TO BEDSIDE” Seminar for religious professionals and lay pastoral caregivers.

Designed for clergy and other religious leaders, the focus on “practical dying” will explore how faith congregations can educate, prepare and support members in preparations that can reclaim dying as a natural and, ultimately, spiritual process. The 3-hour program includes a keynote address, “*Dying Well Takes Practice*,” by James Avery, M.D. As Medical Director of VNSNY Hospice, Dr. Avery heads a team of eight VNS Hospice physicians, all certified in Hospice & Palliative Care Medicine. He is well known locally and nationally for his engaging presentations.

The Panel Presentation will explore how congregations can support realistic steps among its faith community members such as completing a health care proxy, appointing a power of attorney, developing advanced directives, having end-of-life conversations within the family, pre-planning funeral arrangements and creating ethical/spiritual wills.

This 3-hour seminar will address:

- Religious leaders’ role in end-of-life preparations.
- Communication about dying, death and bereavement.
- Information about resources and partnerships for end-of-life care.

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Friday, Oct. 24, 2008

8:45 a.m. – 12 noon

held at

VNSNY Hospice Care
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(@ 32nd Street in Manhattan)

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8:30 am Check-In, Continental Breakfast

9:00 am **Seminar Orientation**
The Rev. Paul A. Metzler,
Director, Community & Program Services

9:15 am **A Hospice Doctor's Views on
"Dying Well Takes Practice."**
James Avery, M.D.
Medical Director, VNS Hospice Care

10:30 am Break

10:45 am **Panel Presentation and Q & A**
Mary Winters, M.S.N. *Advanced Directives*
The Rev. Vince Corso, LCSW. *Ethical/Spiritual Wills*
Tina Janssen-Spinosa, Esq. *POA'S, Guardianships*

11:45 am **Resources to Take Home**
The Rev. Paul A. Metzler
Director, Community & Program Services

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VNSNY Hospice Care, founded in 1983, provides expert, compassionate care for individuals and families living with progressive, serious illness at the end of life. Our care addresses physical, emotional, spiritual and bereavement needs for patients living at home, nursing homes, assisted living communities and our own 8-bed Hospice Residence in Manhattan. A not-for-profit NYS licensed hospice, VNS Hospice serves Manhattan, Brooklyn, Bronx and Queens with a staff of nearly 200 doctors, nurses, social workers, spiritual care specialists, bereavement counselors and 150 volunteers.

Seminar Staff:

James Avery, M.D. is the Medical Director for VNS Hospice Care for a staff of seven hospice physicians, all Certified in Hospice & Palliative Care. He is a Fellow in the American College of Physicians, the American College of Chest Physicians, and the American Academy of Hospice & Palliative Medicine. Dr. Avery was honored with the Roger C. Bone Award for National Leadership in End-of-Life Care in 2007. He is well known locally and nationally for his engaging presentations.

The Rev. Vince Corso, M.Div., LCSW, Manager of Spiritual Care and Bereavement Services for VNS Hospice Care, oversees a staff of 12 spiritual care specialists and 8 bereavement counselors in the four boroughs served by VNSNY Hospice Care.

Tina Janssen-Spinosa, Esq., is the Total Life Choices (TLC) Program Coordinator for the New York Legal Assistance Group, which offers free services for New Yorkers in need. TLC provides free community education for completing Living Wills and other Advance Directive documents, including electronic filing in the US Living Will Registry®. TLC's services are available to anyone over age 18, regardless of their financial status.

The Rev. Paul Metzler, D.Min., is Director of Community & Program Services for VNSNY Hospice Care, administrating the bereavement, spiritual care and volunteer staff. He also directs our community bereavement and educational services programs which offer services to anyone in the community, even if the loss was not a hospice death.

Mary Winters, R.N., M.S.N. is Manager for Hospice Facility Development for VNSNY Hospice Care, responsible for coordinating hospice services to patients in over 50 contracted facilities, including skilled nursing homes, assisting living facilities and area hospitals in metro-NYC.

Registration Fee:
Mail to:

\$25.00 (payable: VNSNY Hospice Care)
VNSNY Hospice Care, 1250 Broadway, NY, NY 10001

Cancellation refund:

October 17, 2008

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