



Clergy Leadership Program

of Central Pennsylvania

Bios for Seminar Presenters: "Health Care in Central PA"

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Seminar Coordinator

Nancy Woods, PhD, MPH, RN, is Professor of Nursing and Chair of the Department of Nursing at Messiah College. With a doctorate from Johns Hopkins University, Nancy is also a clinical research consultant for several PA hospitals and is actively involved in academic-clinical partnerships to facilitate the translation of research evidence into improved practice. Nancy is a former Army Nurse Corps officer and served in Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm. She has extensive clinical experience in nurse-midwifery care, palliative care, and public health nursing.

Presenters

Judy Himes, MSN, RN, NE-BC has more than two decades of nursing leadership experience in the hospitals and health systems of central PA. Judy has been Director of Nursing at Hershey Medical Center since 2005, where she earned a sterling reputation for collaboration with her nursing peers, physicians and other members of the health care team.

Emerson Lesher is the past president of Messiah Village (now Messiah Lifeways) in Mechanicsburg. As an undergraduate at Messiah College in the early 1970s, Emerson had an internship working with older adults and enjoyed it so much he decided to focus his graduate work (at Fuller Theological Seminary and Saybrook Graduate School) on the psychology of aging. After serving 18 years as a CEO, he is now a consultant for health systems worldwide.

Lisa Lewis, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, is Vice President of Patient Care Services and Chief Nursing Officer at Holy Spirit Hospital. Lisa is an active member of both the American Organization of Nurse Executives and the Pennsylvania Organization of Nurse Leaders, where she has served as president of the Eastern Region. She is also a Wharton Nursing Executive Fellow, having completed the program at the University of Pennsylvania in 2005.

Rev. Elizabeth Watson Martin is Director of Pastoral Care and Clinical Pastoral Education Program Manager at Hershey Medical Center. She is a United Methodist pastor and has served as a congregational minister in addition to being an acute care and hospice chaplain. Elizabeth is also associated with *Resolve through Sharing*, a support program for parents who have lost children through miscarriage, stillbirth, or neonatal death.

Sister Romaine Niemeyer, SCC, FACHE, has been Chief Administrative Officer at Holy Spirit Hospital since 1990. She completed her administrative residency at Nazareth Hospital and has held various administrative positions within the Holy Spirit Health System. She has also served as a delegate to the Sister of Christian Charity General Chapter meetings in Rome and Germany.

Father Barnabas Shayo, A.J., is a priest of the religious missionary institute of the Apostles of Jesus. A graduate of the Apostles of Jesus Scholasticate in Nairobi, Kenya, Fr. Barnabas holds a Bachelor of Sacred Theology and a master's degree in theology from Walsh University in North Canton, OH.

Jennifer Thomson is Assistant Professor of Biopsychology at Messiah College. After undergraduate education at Rider University (New Jersey), Jennifer completed both the Ph.D. and a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Her current teaching load includes courses focusing on the biological basis of behavior, drug and alcohol addiction, and connections between stress and health.

Joseph A. Torchia, MD, is Senior Vice President and Chief Medical Officer at Holy Spirit Hospital, where he works closely with physicians, nurses, and other staff to ensure delivery of the highest level of quality care. Dr. Torchia did his residency in internal medicine at Harrisburg Hospital (in 1990) after completing his M.D at St. George's University in Grenada (West Indies).