



Ensuring the availability of ELCA spiritual care for patients at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.

New Life...

What comes to your mind when you think of new life? I suppose each of us has had experiences where we have seen new life be achieved. I grew up on a farm and it was very common to witness the birth of different animals we had on the farm. Then when my wife and I had our first child it really did become a personal and wondrous experience, being a part of God's great creative nature.

At UIHC there are many examples of new life within the obstetric department and I am sure that the parents give thanks to God for such a wondrous event. There are also others events at UIHC when individuals come to receive personal care for an illness or medical need. This is not the typical "new life" experience of new birth, but for many it is the hope for a cure of an illness or condition which is making life difficult and often life itself tenuous.

There is a hope for a new life or at least an improvement in the physical well being of that person. Before this transformation takes place there is often fear and uncertainty of what is ahead. Hospitals can be a scary place. We need someone to visit with to share our fears and concerns. Usually this someone is a family member or the pastor of your church. However, there are times when these support people are not present. It is at this time that our Chaplain Cindy becomes the support that is so vital. We give thanks for her ministry at UIHC and your support to make the ministry possible.

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Partnership....

... with LCO is Prayer for the Ministry!

President's Message

Blessings and peace be to you all.

At Easter we celebrated new life, At LCO we hope to bring new life to our organization by adding a new member to our team.

The Board of Director of Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach would like to welcome Bill Dyar as LCO Director of Development. Bill has been consulting with our board for the past few years and came on board in April. Please join us in welcoming Bill to the LCO ministry.

Please pray for the mission of LCO to provide an ELCA chaplain at UIHC and, as always, send your contributions.

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It Makes Sense!

Why should an ELCA church partner with Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach? That is the question I asked myself when I was hired as Director of Development this past month. That is an important question!

As I begin to visit with church members and pastors at Synod Assemblies that question keeps coming up. Sometimes it is asked as a way to put me off and other times it is a serious question. It has become clear that I need to be able to respond so here it goes.

Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach is a vital resource for pastors and churches. When a church member goes to University Hospitals and Clinics a pastor can call the ELCA Chaplain and ask to have her meet the

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MISSION: To provide spiritual care to patients, relatives, and hospital staff at The University of Iowa Hospital and Clinic (UIHC). And, to provide consultation to UIHC staff, ELCA pastors, and congregations. It is a shared partnership with pastors and congregations.

Dear LCO:

Dear LCO: My congregation would like to add Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach to our annual budget, but we just can't afford it right now. We're barely meeting expenses now, and we don't want to cut other mission support. What can we do? *Try to be Faithful*

Dear Faithful: Bless you for your continuing commitment to Christ's mission!

Maybe now isn't the time for you congregation to add LCO to its budget. But there are other ways to provide members of your flock with the opportunity to support this ministry.

Consider adding a "noisy offering: to your worship service, say once a month^{3/4} inviting members to save and drop their loose change into the offering plate or special containers passed among worshippers by younger members. Designate occasional Sunday coffee hour donations to LCO. Hold a brunch, soup supper or pie auction, with proceeds designated for LCO. Make LCO offering envelopes available in pew or periodically include them in Sunday bulletins for members' use.

To publicize LCO's ministry, have some of your creative people perform a brief chaplain/patient visit skit (serious or humorous!) during worship. Many folks lift up chaplaincy during October, "Chaplains' month," emphasizing Luke the Evangelist and (we think) physician and Jesus' ministry of healing and compassion^{3/4}a great opportunity to tell the LCO story. Use your imagination!

Limited budgets don't have to limit your congregation's support of LCO!

*Pastor Phil Borleske
LCO Board of Directors*



Partnership....

... with LCO is Sharing the need for this Ministry with others!

Thank You!!

New Era Lutheran Church just outside Muscatine, Iowa has presented a dinner theater production every year for 20 years on the last two weekends in May. This year they presented "Children of Eden." When they first started the dinner theater it was to raise money to pay for a building connecting the church to the New Era Community Building. After paying off the cost of the building they continued with the dinner theater to raise money for various social ministries. Every year they give 50% of their gross income from the dinner theater goes to two different agencies or ministries.

This year they chose Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach as the only ministry they are supporting, giving LCO 25% of their gross income. The other 25% this year is going to air condition the New Era Community Building making it possible to have special events in the summertime. Many thanks to New Era Lutheran Church for their support of LCO. And also thanks to Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for adding to this gift with matching funds.

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patient and offer spiritual care, support and prayer. The Chaplain can follow-up with the home pastor and let them know how things are going. Saving a pastor the time and expense of going to Iowa City for a hospital visit and partnering with the ELCA chaplain to offer care just makes sense.

In the coming months I will be visiting with pastors and church leaders about becoming a partner with LCO. I will be asking churches to commit 1/2 of 1% of their annual operating budget to the support of LCO. That makes sense! Perhaps that partnership will not involve new budget dollars, but simply a reallocation of current dollars. That makes sense. It is good stewardship for both church finances and pastor time.

I look forward to visiting with you to talk about how your church can become a partner.

*Bill Dyar
LCO Director of Development*

Treasurer's Report

Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach, thanks to our supporters in churches, women's groups, and individuals who support us with gifts as well as designating us as your recipients from your Thrivent Choice contracts help us continue to support this ministry.

| Item | Jan-Mar 2013 | Jan-Mar 2012 |
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| Income | 27,852 | 27,412 |
| Expense | 17,754 | 19,454 |

LCO has a Facebook page and we urge you to friend us. We keep current information about what is happening in the chaplaincy at UIHC. Pastor Cindy does updates and we keep a copy of our newsletters available as well. You can reach our page by going to <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Lutheran-Chaplaincy-Outreach-LCO>

LCO has also introduced a new, possibly more convenient, way to make your gift to support the ELCA chaplain at UIHC. To make a gift using your credit card or PayPal, go to our web site <http://lcoiowa.org/SupportLCO.htm>. There you will see the Donate button shown here:



Remember you can also designate LCO as your Thrivent Choice designation. We appreciate so much your gifts in all forms and they help us continue to offer an ELCA chaplain at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. Last year we received over \$3,800 from Thrivent Chapters or from Thrivent Choice.

The Johnson County Chapter of Thrivent is sponsoring our newsletters this year as it has for the past 3 years. Our thanks go to them for this assistance.

*Warren Boe
Treasurer, LCO Board of Directors*



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*... with LCO is Ensuring that this Ministry Continues well
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*In her own words...
Chaplain Cindy Breed*

When I initially think of new life in the context of University Hospitals, I think of newborn infants, some who are healthy, but many others who are very ill. And, regardless of their condition, their birth is a gift of new life to

them, and to their parents and family members. .

Then I think about new life when someone gets the word that their disease is cured, or that progress is being made towards that cure. There are those people who have been literally delivered from the clutches of death, and they leave the hospital on their way to full recovery .

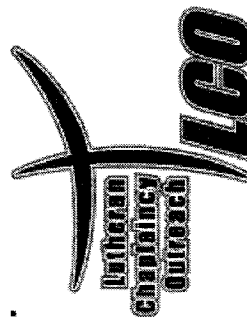
But where is new life in the midst of dying and death, when there is no cure, as family members and friends are in the vigil around the bedside, waiting for their loved one to take their final breath?

One of my colleagues suggests that family and friends on that deathbed vigil are like midwives, helping their loved one be born into new life, the promised eternal life with God. They are there to love their dying one, be with them for as long as it takes, say good-bye and let them go. Then, just as we celebrate earthly birth, they can celebrate their loves one's new life in God where there is no illness, pain or suffering.

I am honored and blessed to be part of that journey with patients, families and friends, as a reminder of God's gracious and wonderful love that is part all of our journey, from our birth to our birth into eternal life.

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