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Patrick Bennett, Ph.D. Patrick Bennett recently received his Ph.D. in Social Psychology at the University of Nevada, Reno. This fall he will be joining the psychology faculty at Indiana State University. In addition to teaching, he will be conducting research in affiliation with Indiana State University's Center for Health, Religion, and Spirituality. Patrick's research deals with the impact of prayer on physical and emotional health when dealing difficult life experiences. In particular, this research examines the role of prayer as self-disclosure to God which allows individuals to make meaning from difficult life experiences and can lead to improved health outcomes. Contact: patrickb@unr.nevada.edu

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Barbara A. Elliott, Ph.D. In recent years, my interest and work have focused at the interface of spirituality, health care, and ethics. I developed a course on Spirituality and Health Care as part of my role as a professor of Family Medicine. My work as a hospital chaplain is integral to that course; students are also on call with me. Public policy experience, teaching (physicians), research skills, expertise as an ethicist, personal experience with delivering health care to underserved populations, a commitment to my

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Jung Park. I am a doctoral student (Health Education) at Loma Linda University. I studied theology and philosophy. I worked as a health educator at a hospital in Korea. I became interested in spirituality and health through a personal experience over the last 25 years. I was totally exhausted and incapacitated after 12 years' struggle with an incurable disease. I started endless fasting prayer. I decided it was either meeting and receiving relief from God, or dying. God answered my prayer and it changed my life. I was relieved from my suffering and sharing the spiritual healing became my goal of life. Contact: Jpark05p@sph.llu.edu

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Cynthia Visscher, MBA. Cynthia was recognized as an American Hospital Association Healthy Communities Fellow. She has served as Foundation Director and Vice President for Community Outreach at Holland Hospital in Holland, Michigan. Visscher is currently providing fund development and health care consulting, and is completing graduate work in comparative religion at Western Michigan University. Her focus area is ensuring spiritually sensitive care to patients of diverse religious beliefs. The *Interreligious Insight Journal* recently published her review of the historical foundation for spiritually sensitive care of terminally ill Muslim patients. Visscher serves on the steering committee for the Lakeshore Interfaith Institute in Ganges, Michigan. Contact: cynvis@gmail.com

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year course on psychodynamic psychotherapy. Since 1997, she has been working as a psychotherapist. Now she is undertaking a master's degree course at Psychiatry Department at the University of Sao Paulo. The regressive therapy works with patients' spontaneous imagery during relaxation. In about 30-50% of the therapy sessions, religious themes or beliefs (such as reincarnation) arise, and patients connect imagery with their problems. She is now starting qualitative research on the subjective effects of this therapeutic approach. Contact: vivian_albuquerque@uol.com.br

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Devon Berry, Ph.D. I am a professor in a department of nursing at a small liberal arts school in the Midwest. I recently completed my PhD in nursing at the University of Washington. My dissertation work examined the relationship between depression and religiosity as explained by stress and cognitive vulnerability in college age students. An additional area of research in which I have ongoing work is investigating global determinants of health. In the fall of 05 I will be starting a new position at the University of Cincinnati and will be working to develop a program of research in the College of Nursing. Contact: berryd@u.washington.edu

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Stephanie Dugdale. I'm a licensed marriage and family therapist living in Wilmington, having moved here about a year ago from the Bay Area in California. Spirituality, and helping people to access their spiritual core, is always at the basis of my work. In California, we weren't trained to move into the spiritual realm with clients-- in fact, we were discouraged from it. That's why I chose Satir as my model. She's holistic and includes it in her model, which made it OK for me to mention it in the licensing tests. I've also been a teacher and journalist, a public relations specialist and technical writer. Contact: dondugdale@bellsouth.net

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Kathleen Galek, Ph.D. An individual, group, and couples therapist for more than ten years, Kathleen Galek specializes in eating disorders, couple communication, compulsive shopping, and the intersection of Buddhism and psychotherapy. Kathleen has also worked with patients suffering from a variety of medical problems, including Parkinson's, HIV/AIDS, Alzheimer's, heart attack, and severe stroke. At the NYU Medical Center, where she spent four years as a clinician and researcher, she studied the impact of couple communication on physical health and co-facilitated workshops on improving couple intimacy. In her current position as researcher and writer at the HealthCare Chaplaincy, Kathleen focuses on the integration of Buddhism and psychotherapy and the role of spirituality in healthcare settings. Kathleen received her BA from Reed College, her MA in Clinical and Research Psychology from New York University, and her doctorate in Clinical Psychology from Columbia University. Contact: KGalek@HealthCareChaplaincy.org

Angie Grabau. I am currently a 3rd-4th year PhD student at the University of Minnesota. My special interest is working with children who have special health care needs and their families. I am particularly interested in what daily life is like for siblings of children with

special health care needs and if, and how spirituality is a component for family adaptation to having a child who requires extra health care provision. I am a registered nurse and certified pediatric nurse practitioner who has 25+ years of experience in working with children and families. I have been employed as a university faculty member for undergraduate and graduate nursing students. I also am actively involved in providing direct, holistic health care to children. As I continue to work with children and families, I have acquired a very strong, growing interest in the spirituality component of children's development; the specific role spirituality plays in the child's adaptation to life's stressors; and how or what interventions by health care providers can enhance or foster spirituality development in children. Contact: grab0058@umn.edu

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