

Dear Faith Leader,

At UPMC, our goal is to ensure our patients and their family members are well-equipped with the tools and resources they need to navigate their care in the way they want to receive it. Every year we hold the UPMC Day of Conversation – an event that is meant to encourage and empower the community to start a conversation around Advance Care Planning. Advance Care Planning allows you to make important health care decisions while you are well to help prevent any confusion or burden on your loved ones if you are unable to make them in the future.

We know that you are often approached with questions about health care and faith, and we want to support you in that conversation. We would be honored if you would join us for this year's event:

### UPMC Day of Conversation: Faith, Values, and Advance Care Planning

**Who:** Faith leaders and your communities

**When:** Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 12 p.m

**Where:** Phone call

**How:** Just follow these easy steps:

1. Call **412-802-6560** to register. *You may also call this number with any questions before or on the day of the call.*
2. Add the event to your calendar.
3. On the day of the event, call **877-228-2184**. Then, use pin number **111835** to join the conversation.

As a faith leader, you are a keystone of the community. The relationship you have with your congregants is a unique and precious one, built upon confidence, trust, and respect. This phone call will be an informative conversation between local faith leaders, medical experts, and the public where you can listen in, ask questions, and receive resources and tools to help you in this important work.

Please feel free to share this call information with other faith leaders and the communities you serve – everyone is welcome. Visit [UPMC.com/StartTheConversation](http://UPMC.com/StartTheConversation) for more information.

#### Our Panel



**Daniel Leger, RN, BCC, CPSP**  
Chaplain and Spiritual Care Coordinator, UPMC Palliative and Supportive Institute



**Rev. Christopher T. Conti, MD**  
Senior Pastor, Emmanuel Baptist Church; Physician, Emergency Medicine; Established the nonprofit Emmanuel Empowerment Foundation



**Tammy Kelmickis**  
Community member who experienced the advance care planning process with her brother.



**Andrew Thurston, MD**  
Medical Director of Palliative Care, UPMC Mercy; Clinical Asst. Professor of Medicine, Section of Palliative Care and Medical Ethics at the University of Pittsburgh



**Rev. B. De Neice Welch, BS, BA**  
Senior Pastor, Bidwell Presbyterian Church; Chair, Ntosake (part of the national Gamaliel Network)



**Sharon Hudak, RN, MSN, BC**  
Supportive Services Program Nurse at UPMC Presbyterian



**Edward Lewis, M.Div.**  
Bereavement and Spiritual Support Coordinator, UPMC Palliative and Supportive Institute

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We look forward to you joining us for this Day of Conversation!

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