

The International Conference on Ageing & Spirituality had its origins in Australia, when Elizabeth MacKinlay invited colleagues to Canberra in January 2000 to explore 'Ageing, Spirituality and Pastoral Care in the twenty-first century'. Since then, this conference has been hosted in the UK, New Zealand, Scotland, the USA, online, and now in Canada!

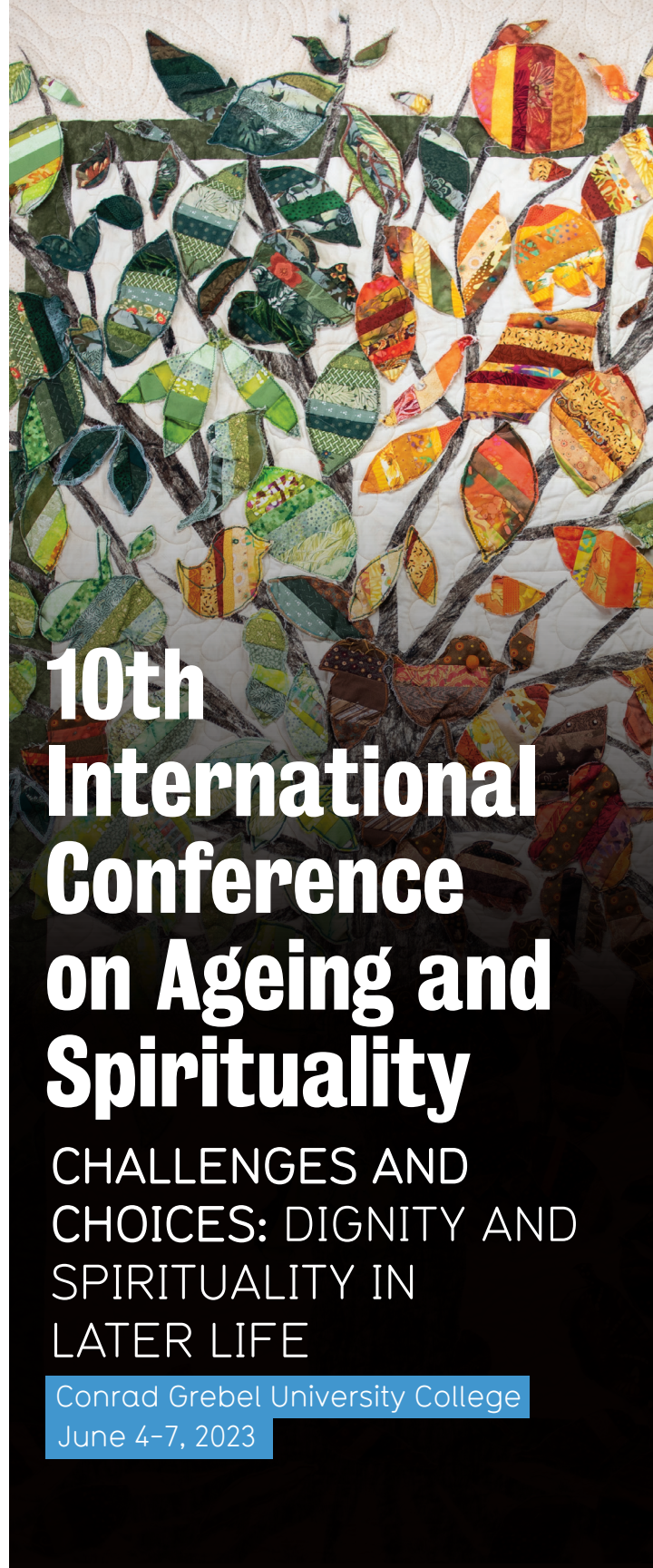
The 'Tree of Life Quilt' pictured on the front of this program was created by the participants at the 5th Conference in Edinburgh in 2013, and travels to each gathering. Where might it travel next?

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Enhancing Life



10th International Conference on Ageing and Spirituality

CHALLENGES AND CHOICES: DIGNITY AND SPIRITUALITY IN LATER LIFE

Conrad Grebel University College
June 4-7, 2023



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WELCOME!

Welcome to this 10th International Conference on Ageing & Spirituality. It is a delight to gather in person, to connect with kindred spirits, and to explore together topics and questions of ever-increasing importance. This conference schedule invites you to take in plenary sessions and paper and poster presentations, to engage in workshops, conversations, and field trips, and to enjoy displays, contemplative time, music, food, and friends. We are grateful for each person here and their contribution to the richness of this learning opportunity. May you return home filled with good things!

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Jane Kuepfer, Keith Albans,
James Ellor, Ann Harrington,
Susan McFadden, Sally Mordike,
Elizabeth Pringle, Dana Sawchuk,
Honorary Member: Elizabeth MacKinlay.

TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Conrad Grebel University College is situated on the traditional territory of the Attawandaron (Neutral), Anishinaabeg and Haudenosaunee peoples. The College, and the University of Waterloo, was built on the Haldimand Tract, the land granted in 1784 to the Six Nations that includes 10 kilometres on each side of the Grand River from its source in Dundalk to its mouth at Lake Erie.

We have much to learn from Indigenous ways of knowing and being. We are grateful to those leading and inspiring us on this journey.



CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

THROUGHOUT THE CONFERENCE:

CONTEMPLATIVE TIME/SPACE OFFERED DAILY IN THE CHAPEL

The Chapel is available as a quiet space throughout the conference. A brief (15 min) guided reflection will be offered each morning at 8:15 am.

Drop by to explore the Reflection Room® installation.

POSTERS AND ARTISTIC CONTRIBUTIONS

Explore these contributions in the Dining Room. Presenters will be available for conversation at 6:00 pm Tuesday.

BOOK TABLE

A book table in the Atrium displays publications provided by conference participants. Pick up a resource list and order from home.

VIDEO CONTRIBUTIONS



A series of video contributions can be accessed online at: bit.ly/41SWeeY

SUNDAY, JUNE 4

6:30 pm Registration desk open
Atrium

7:00 pm **Welcome Reception**
Dining Room

MONDAY, JUNE 5

8:00 am Chapel available

9:00 am **Welcome** | Great Hall

9:15 am - 10:15 am **Keynote** | Great Hall
“Religion as a Social Determinant of Health in Old Age?” | Ellen Idler

10:15 - 11:00 AM **Dialogue** | Great Hall
“Talking About My Generation” | Sally Mordike, Jim Ellor

11:00 am Morning refreshments

11:30 am - 1:00 pm **Concurrent Paper Presentations** (See additional handout)

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Lunch and Networking
Dining Room

2:00 pm - 2:45 pm **Concurrent Workshops** (See additional handout)

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm **Panel** | Great Hall
“Making Meaning with Tech: Hope and Cautions” | Tracy Trothen, Beaté Steller, Cosmin Munteanu

4:00 pm Afternoon refreshments

4:30 pm - 8:00 pm **Scheduled Field Trips**
Meet at main Grebel entrance (optional, pre-paid)

8:00 pm **Social time and Round Table Conversations** | Dining Room
View poster and artistic contributions, join a Round Table Conversation at 8:15 - (topics on handout) or just visit and have a cup of tea.

TUESDAY, JUNE 6

8:00 am Chapel available

9:00 am - 10:00 am **Keynote** | Great Hall
“Talking About Dying” | Kathryn Mannix

10:00 am - 10:45 am **Panel** | Great Hall
“Discernment on Dying” | Ann Harrington, Keith Albans, Dale Guenter, Kathryn Mannix

11:00 am Morning refreshments

11:30 am - 1:00 pm **Concurrent Paper Presentations** (See additional handout)

1:00 pm Lunch and networking

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm **Keynote** | Great Hall
“Dementia and Faith Communities: Reasons for Hope”, Susan McFadden

3:00 pm **Panel** | Great Hall
“Dementia in Communities of Faith” | Ross Brittain, Daphne Johnston, Ingrid Loepp Thiessen, Al Power

4:00 pm Afternoon refreshments

4:30 pm **Concurrent Workshops** (See additional handout)

The Chapel is available for any who may need a quiet space or a listening ear.

6:00 pm **Punch and Posters/Art** | Dining Room

6:30 pm **Banquet followed by a Coffee House** featuring Al Power’s music, with contributions from other conference participants. Come relax, visit, and enjoy!

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

8:00 am Chapel available

9:00 am - 10:00 am **Keynote** | Great Hall,
“Carrying the Lantern: An Anishinaabe Experience” | Kathy Absolon

10:00 am Break

10:15 am **Concurrent Workshops** (See additional handout)

11:00 am Morning refreshments

11:30 am **Closing Session** | Great Hall,
Reflection: Elizabeth MacKinlay
Facilitated engagement, closing, and blessings

1:00 pm Lunch and farewells
Dining Room

2:00 pm Board shuttle to Toronto Pearson Airport (optional, pre-paid)



Access more program details and information on the conference website:

uwaterloo.ca/ageing-spirituality/agenda

