Atlantic Health System in Collaboration with the Joint Chaplaincy Committee of Greater MetroWest of New Jersey Proudly Offer

Creating a Caring Community Together

Purpose of Course:

Our goal is to provide training for faith community lay leaders to enable them to be present for congregational members who would welcome and benefit from additional spiritual and emotional support during difficult times. These trained lay visitors, in collaboration with their own clergy will provide appropriate support to congregational members suffering from a wide variety of problems including chronic illness, recent discharge from a hospital or rehabilitation facility, grief, and other life-changing circumstances.

Course Objectives:

Upon completion of this two- day training program, the participant will be able to:

- Establish or enhance a plan, in conjunction with the faith community clergy leader, to start or continue a congregation visitation program.
- Integrate some basic concepts and skills of active listening and support for congregants experiencing stress or grief.
- Utilize appropriate cultural and ritual aids to support the congregant as needed and appropriate.
- Refer the congregant to the clergy congregational leader as needed.

Rabbi Ruth Gais, PhD, BCC, Course Director

Rabbi Gais, a board certified chaplain and an ACPE supervisory candidate at Overlook Medical Center, will provide on-going support, mentorship, and supervision for the community visitors.

Cecille Allman Asekoff, Project Director

Cecille Asekoff currently serves as Director of the Joint Chaplaincy Committee of Greater MetroWest and as Executive Vice President of the National Association of Jewish Chaplains (NAJC).

Course Information:

Location: The Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest offices, 901 Route 10 in Whippany.

TRAINING DATES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013 9:15 am to 5 pm

Thursday, October 24, 2013 5:30 to 8 pm

Atlantic Health System and The Joint Chaplaincy Committee of Greater MetroWest are subsidizing this program in order to offer this program at no charge to faith communities and participating congregants.

Deadline for registration in October 15, 2013 To Register: Please contact Ms. Gail Herman at: GHerman@jfedgmw.org or at 973-929-3069



