ADEC’s ACCOMPLISHMENTS AS THE COVID PANDEMIC UNFOLDED

Although we faced unprecedented and unexpected adversity, we continued to pivot and move forward. Here are some team highlights to remember.

### 2020-2021

- Delivered initial entirely virtual 2021 Annual Conference to accommodate travel restrictions
- Fund-raising initiation, *Light the Way* campaign, led by Bill Hoy
- Realized unprecedented conference sponsorship led by Andy McNeil
- Delivered 1st Annual Wolfe Report for a presidential update to membership on mid-year progress
- Hosted 1st Virtual Half-Day Workshop entitled *Life, Death, and Healing During Difficult Times* led by Melanie Wright: $10,000 profit
- Implemented public outreach 16-presentation series entitled *ADEC in Conversation: COVID 19* designed and moderated by Jill Harrington
- Presented *ADEC in Conversation on Racial Justice*, discussions by Tashel Bordere and Jennifer Matthews to address the unique lived experience of African American grief
- ADEC responded to increased racially motivated violence by *recommitting to diversity and inclusion*
- Delivered two virtual Services of Remembrance led by Galen Goben & others
- Initiated two virtual Membership Orientations led by Brenda Atkinson & Michelle Ramirez
- Membership voted to *reinstate the Immediate Past President as a non-voting Board advisory presence* for continuity of leadership succession
- Rebecca Morse initiated Management Task Force, chaired by Worth Kilcrease, to evaluate our management contract, continuation, and timing for self-management
- ADEC *renewed and rededicated our cross-collaboration* with various end-of-life organizations
Self-published the 3rd edition of the *Handbook of Thanatology* with 56 authors from 14 countries and 6 continents, utilizing the revised Body of Knowledge including non-death losses; adopted by our Credentialing Council as a reference for the 2023 certification examination; edited by Heather Servaty-Seib & Helen Chapple and brought to fruition by Worth Kilcrease & Rosemary Gravelle

Collectively decided to host 1st hybrid annual conference with virtual professional development and post-conference specialty workshops but an in-person participation option with safety protocols in place; coordinated by Fay Green & a special conference task force

Intentionally focused on diversity & inclusion activities including targeted abstract submissions underscoring these themes; hosted the return of the Diversity & Inclusion conference meeting facilitated by Tashel Bordere

Initiated the Asian/Americas Zoom Bridge Networking Sessions led by Joy Berger, monthly zoom global sessions spanning 8 countries, 4 continents, & 9 time zones

Delivered virtual 2nd Half-Day Workshop entitled *ADEC Connections: Building Bridges Through Loss*, offering 3 international panel discussions & The Wolfe Report presidential update

Launched *ADEC aCcredited Education (ACE)* to replace our previous preapproval program for professional development outlined by Melanie Wright

Hosted New Member Orientation Sessions led by Stephanie Matonek

Initiated Committee Chairs monthly meetings to strengthen infrastructure communication/collaboration, assess needs, & increase accountability toward ADEC priorities

Initiated the Legacy Project to celebrate our founding leaders & support future generations with ADEC’s historical context led by Phillip Garrett

Reinstated focus on ADEC’s social media presence led by Nathalie-Roze Fischer & Laura Wheat

Implemented thematic webinar series including *Physicians Perspectives on Palliative Care and End-of-Life* moderated by Melanie Wright

Streamlined digital certification applications & renewals led by Jolene Formaini

Offered the Professional Learning Library composed of 25 presentations from the 2021 ADEC virtual conference available without charge to our members

Audited our website as the precursor to future redesign completed by Laura Wheat
• Deliberated & voted to make a progressive transition toward self-management as of July 31, 2022, led by Task Force Chair, Chris Hall

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