



# What's the Point?

Finding meaningful purpose in life  
as we age, at any age

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**SYNOPSIS:** Let's face it: life is busy and nothing ever stops. Easy access to the Internet and increasing responsibilities in ministry or work often loom, while time stays the same. This is reason enough to ask, "What's the point?" What's the point in what we daily do? Do we let go of the trivial, and embrace the significant? How do we move to greater purpose and meaning in ministry and work? And how do we help others do the same? This year's conference will consider three areas that can impact those who serve the elderly: understanding suicide, dementia, and burnout.

## 2019 SPEAKERS:



**Jennifer Barnes** has been on a mission to change the view on mental illness and break the stigma surrounding suicide since age 17. Since 2009, she has been

the head facilitator for *We The Living*, a support group for those who have lost someone to suicide in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She was an active member of STOP Suicide in years past. She has worked closely with MHA Mental Health of America doing presentations, as well with INDOE, and other local organizations. Mental Health America awarded her their service award in 2012. She has been married to Andy for 12 years. She is a graduate of Indiana University (Fort Wayne), and taught first grade for years before being a full-time mom to six-year-old daughter, Sophie. She is a current speaker for the Respect Team and works part-time for Selective Lawn Service.



**Debbie Carriveau** is a registered nurse in Indiana who has worked in geriatrics since 1979. She is certified and holds credentials on national and local

levels through ANCC in gerontology, Alzheimer's Foundation of America, and ADSNI and the Institute for Excellence in Memory Care in dementia care. Her expertise is in the areas of Alzheimer's/dementia care, Therapeutic Programming Development, and Behavioral Management. She has rich experiences as National Alzheimer's Care Trainer and Alzheimer's Consultant, Operational Nurse Consultant, Alzheimer's Care Director, Director of Nursing Services, and Director of Staff Development. She has served on the Board of Directors for Alzheimer's Services of Northern Indiana for many years. She serves on the Advisory Board for Milton Adult Day Center. She is a member of the national organization Dementia Care Professionals of America. She has extensive experience in public speaking and community education related to Alzheimer's disease and all surrounding care issues. Debbie currently works as Executive Director of the Living Wisdom Center and campus for the Hubbard Hill Community in Elkhart, Indiana.



**Dr. Denny Howard** serves as the Director of Counseling & Coaching for Full Strength Network, a group of professional caregivers around the nation that provide preemptive,

renewal and counseling services to pastors and their families. He also serves as director of the Vitality Care Institute, providing a wide range of proactive and restorative services for those who serve in people-influencing vocations such as non-profit and ministry leaders. He is a State-Licensed Clinician in mental health, marriage/family therapist and a certified addictions counselor. Denny is an ordained minister, a graduate of George Fox University (Newberg, Oregon), and is a member of National Association for Addiction Professionals, National Board of Certified Counselors, and American Association of Christian Counselors. He conducts regular workshops/seminars on personality-based conflict, stress management, maintaining personal vitality, and a wide range of interpersonal relationships issues. He is the creator/owner of *Livstyle Visual Personality Portraits*, providing assessments for workplace teams, marriages, ministries and youth organizations. Denny resides in Fort Wayne with his wife Debbie and they have three adult children—Joshua, Rebecca, and Timothy (wife, Kelsey), who all serve in people-helping vocations.





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## THE TOWNE HOUSE RETIREMENT COMMUNITY – Tuesday, June 4, 2019

8:00 a.m. Registration (breakfast)

9:00 a.m. **Welcome:** Rev. Douglas Vogel, Chaplain/SSA, The Towne House Retirement Community

9:10 a.m. **Understanding Suicide: Awareness, Intervention, Aftercare**

Jennifer Barnes

10:25 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. **The Search for Meaning: Living Purposely with Dementia**

Deb Carriveau

12:00 p.m. Lunch - Carriage Dining and Fireside Grill

1:00 p.m. **Tour of The Towne House** (optional, 20 minutes)

1:30 p.m. **The Eight Pillars of Joy: Gaining Perspective and Preventing Burnout in the Workplace**

Dr. Denny Howard

3:00 p.m. Wrap-up

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- BHI Senior Living Foundation • McComb & Sons Funeral Homes (Dignity Memorial)

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- Senior Helpers of Fort Wayne • Shawnee Construction

### BRONZE SPONSORS (\$250-499)

- Fairhaven Funeral Home & Cremation Services • Healthcare Therapy Services (HTS)



**PARKING:** Please park in the rear parking lot of our facility (use Campus Court on the west end of our campus), and enter high-rise apartment door #2.

**SEATING:** We plan for 125 participants, and there are 80 folding chairs. If you wish to have extra padding, please bring a seat cushion with you. Thank you.

**HOTEL:** For those who wish to spend Monday night in an area hotel:

**Hyatt Place**, 111 W Washington Center Rd (1.3 miles from our campus), 260.471.8522

**Ramada Plaza Fort Wayne Hotel**, 305 E Washington Center Rd (1 mile from our campus), 260.484.0411.

**2020  
CONFERENCE:  
TUESDAY,  
JUNE 2, 2020**





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c/o The Towne House Retirement Community  
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**Registration Only \$25**

(4.5 CEU's available)

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**9 am - 3 pm**

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## 27th Annual Conference on Ministry with the Aging

**Rev. Douglas Vogel**, Chaplain, SSA,  
The Towne House Retirement Community, chair  
**Elaine Cowen**, RN, retired, New Haven  
**Rev. Peter Janzen**, Chaplain, St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne  
**Brenda Jordan**, Director of Senior Helpers, Fort Wayne  
**Rev. Kent Keener**, Associate Pastor, Brookside Church, Fort Wayne  
**David Koenig**, Chaplain, St. Joseph Hospital & Lutheran Hospital,  
Fort Wayne

**Rev. Keith Moore**, Pastor of Visitation Emeritus, Blackhawk Ministries, Fort Wayne  
**Rev. Roger Olson**, Chaplain Emeritus, Lutheran Life Villages, Fort Wayne  
**Dar Richardson**, Grief and Loss Counselor, Fort Wayne  
**Dr. Steven Roper**, Senior Pastor, Faith Baptist Church, Fort Wayne  
**Chaplain Cheryl Schmidt**, Spiritual Care Coordinator,  
Heartland Hospice, Fort Wayne

A one-day conference designed for health-care and social-service professionals, nurses, chaplains, pastors, church lay leaders, art and music therapists, family caregivers, and others involved with helping the elderly in late-life issues.