

Health Ministries Association

The Healing Power of Gratitude

Hyatt Regency Irvine Irvine, California June 12-15, 2008

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR PRESENTATIONS FACT SHEET

The Health Ministries Association (HMA) is an organization that embraces and honors people of diverse faiths who are engaged in emerging practices focused on the integration of faith and health. The HMA Annual Conference promotes the sharing of these practices through lectures, workshops, and paper/poster presentations.

The purpose of the 2008 Annual Conference is:

- To increase awareness of "gratitude" and its healing power
- To provide a forum for participants to share their thoughts on how "gratitude" has touched their personal and professional lives.

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES:

At the end of this conference the participants will be able to:

- Explore faith based and healing dimensions of gratitude.
- Explore how gratitude, embodied in practices of caring for the suffering and the vulnerable, is transformative.
- Share with other health ministers the personal and professional impact of gratitude.
- Re-create opportunities for nurturing gratitude in their own network of health ministers.

Proposals are being accepted for:

- Half day (3 hour) and full day (6 hour) Pre-conference workshops (6/12/08)
- Concurrent workshops of 75 minutes duration. These may be offered two times (6/13 & 6/14/08) depending on the numbers submitted.

An effort will be made to select a balance of workshops among those that address various levels: Beginning, Sustaining, or Advanced.

Workshops must address the theme and objectives.

Suggested topics for presentations include:

- Leading health ministry teams – what works and what doesn't
- The joys (and struggles) of multi-disciplinary work
- Working outside the walls of a faith-based organization
- Practice issues
- Outreach programs to vulnerable populations
- Spiritual care of each other regardless of what our position, title, or place is
- How is the healing power of gratitude incorporated into your faith/life if you are Jewish, Muslim, Christian, Buddhist, etc. ?
- Access to care and uninsured issues
- Health promotion and educational programs that work

- Pastoral care of our clients, ourselves, and each other
- Nurturing and healing as a Christian, a Jew, a Muslim, a native American, etc.
- Attitudes of gratitude
- Beyond "thank you"
- How do we foster multi-faith groups?
- Can gratitude help us build trust and identify our commonalities while creating a safe environment for all?

Presenters **must** provide up to 4 pages of handouts, along with reference information, for inclusion in the Conference Proceedings Book . This is due by [April 15, 2008](#).

Presenters will receive

- Concurrent workshop presenters will receive a voucher for \$150.00 to be applied toward conference registration. If there are multiple presenters, they will decide among themselves which one of them will use the voucher.
- Presenters of full day Pre-conference workshops will receive \$500.
- Half day pre-conference workshop presenters will receive \$250.00.
- HMA does **not** reimburse for travel, lodging, or other expenses.
- One piece of AV equipment will be provided for each presentation (overhead, TV/VCR, etc.) **LCD PROJECTORS WILL NOT BE PROVIDED!**

Proposals are submitted electronically via the HMA website (www.HMAAssoc.org). All forms are found on the website.

Paper Proposal Deadline: **October 29, 2007**

Submitters will be notified of the acceptance or rejection of their proposals by **December 12, 2007**. Proposal submitters should print out a copy of their documents for their own records prior to submitting them.

For more conference information as it becomes available, please go to:
www.hmaassoc.org

General Information:
www.hmassoc.org

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