

Winter of Christian Life

The Generations Consider Difficult Choices

A grandmother on life support now needs kidney dialysis. What should the family do? Where can they go for help? What would Grandma want? ***Winter of Christian Life*** uses scripture, prayer, a case study spanning five sessions, guided discussions and debate, as well as readings from ethicists, theologians and other scholars to provide a learning experience designed to answer these questions and to discover the gifts of the Christian community to and from those who are in Winter.

From Field Testing Leaders:

- “My deepest sense is that this resource taps into an underground well of need and experience that people do not have other opportunity to surface.” Pastor Betsy Williams, Christ the King Lutheran, West Chester, OH.
- “Real stories of real people. Discussions were focused and spirited, charts and diagrams in the Leader’s Guide were very helpful, and the group responded with personal stories.” Jon Bennett, Maple Grove United Methodist, Columbus, OH.

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As experienced college educators with broad experience in health care, pharmacy, adult/case study learning, mathematics, science and career planning, Dick and Judy Reuning combine their passion for creating high quality learning experiences with over thirty years of teaching experience in the (Lutheran) church setting at both adult and children’s levels. Through LifeCrossings, LLC — Resources for Life’s Choices, they have committed second careers to publishing learning materials (with companion leader’s guides) that connect Christian faith with the daily challenges of life in American society. Drawing on the guidance of their advisory board, with its breadth of expertise and diverse Christian background, as well as their own experiences as volunteers and board members in the social service arena, they have developed this resource for Christian communities of any denomination.

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From the Foreword

“ ‘Winter of Christian Life’ takes participants deep into the challenging and sometimes confusing and agonizing choices that come at the end of life. Reflection on the distinctions between passive euthanasia, suicide, assisted suicide or assisted dying and the benefits of hospice care are not simply informative; they offer an opportunity to test the principles of our Christian faith.... The kind of study and reflection this course offers is a way to prepare. It is a chance to take counsel with one’s own thoughts and absorb the contributions of others before being thrown into an end of life situation, too tired and emotionally drained to function.”

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