

Appendix 2

Denominational Links to End-of-Life Issues and Other Denominational Resources

American Baptist Church

www.abc-usa.org/Resources/resol/death.htm

Episcopal Church

<http://www.episcopalfoundation.org/library/Planned%20Giving%20booklets>

“Establish Principles with Regard to the Prolongation of Life”

<http://fn.org/2005/03/msg00254.html>

Evangelical Lutheran Churches in America

www.elca.org/What-We-Believe/Social-Issues/Messages/End-of-Life-Decisions.aspx

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

www.lcms.org/pages/internal.asp?NavID=14625

Presbyterian Church USA

www.pcusa.org/theologyandworship/science/end.htm

United Church of Christ

www.ucc.org/science/pdf/microsoft-word-end-of-life-care-with-theological-ethicalspiritual-resources.pdf

“Making End of Life Decisions: UCC Perspectives”

www.deathisnottheenemy.com/media/media-115462.pdf

United Methodist Church

www.umc.org/site/c.lwL4KnN1LtH/b.2247677/k.5AEE/Death_and_DyingOverview.htm

Unitarian Universalist

As with so many personal issues, UUs leave a lot of freedom to private conscience in making end-of-life decisions. There are a few formal statements (adopted by vote at the General Assemblies):

“The Right to Die with Dignity”

www.uua.org/socialjustice/socialjustice/statements/14486.shtml

“The Legality of Living Wills”

www.uua.org/socialjustice/socialjustice/statements/20279.shtml

“Development of Hospices”

www.uua.org/socialjustice/socialjustice/statements/20275.shtml

Interfaith Resources

Compassion Sabbath (www.practicalbioethics.org) is an interfaith initiative to help clergy and congregations minister to seriously ill and dying people.

Florida statewide hospice clergy end-of-life education enhancement project:

www.hospicefoundation.org/professionalEducation/clergyEducation/

Hawaii: *End-of-Life Choices and the Ministry of Caregiving*: A handbook of educational activities and resources for churches and temples:

www.hawaii.edu/aging/

New York: Hospice and Palliative Care of St. Lawrence Valley, New York.

<http://seriousillness.org/slc/resources/clergy.php>

Other Resources

Books with Denominational Information

Episcopal

Cynthia B. Cohen. *Faithful Living, Faithful Dying: Anglican Reflections on End of Life Care*. End of Life Task Force of the Standing Commission on National Concerns, published by Morehouse Publishing, 2000.

Methodist

Edwin R. DuBose. "Religious Beliefs and Healthcare Decisions: The United Methodist Tradition." In *Religious Traditions and Healthcare Decisions*. Chicago: Park Ridge Center, 2003.

UUA

David John Doukas and William Reichel. *Planning for Uncertainty: Living Wills and Other Advance Directives for You and Your Family*. 2nd ed. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2007. A practical guide to help individuals make end-of life decisions and communicate them to health care providers, family members, and other loved ones. Dr. William Reichel is a member of Towson Unitarian Universalist Church in Lutherville, Maryland.

United Church of Christ

Making End-of-Life Decisions: UCC Perspectives on End of Life Care. Ed. Rev. Julie Ruth Harley. Cleveland: UCC Council for Health and Human Service Ministries, 1997. This booklet is a study guide that seeks to address "specific moral issues at the end of life" and covers a diversity of topics, including overcoming the fear of dying, living wills and health care proxies, and making health care decisions for others. Also included are relevant church resolutions, a glossary of terms, and a bibliography of other available resources. To obtain a free copy, go to www.deathisnottheenemy.com.

Articles

Methodist: James R. Thobaben. "A United Methodist Approach to End-of-Life Decisions: Intentional Ambiguity or Ambiguous Intentions." *Christian Bioethics* 3, no. 3 (1997): 222–48.