

# CALL FOR WORKSHOP PROPOSALS

## Compassion



## The Heart of Our Vision

The Catholic Health Alliance of Canada (CHAC) is pleased to announce its Call for Workshop Proposals for their annual conference to be held May 4 - 6, 2011 at the Delta Hotel, Winnipeg, Manitoba. The Conference will be held in collaboration with the Catholic Health Association of Manitoba (CHAM). The conference theme is **Compassion: The Heart of Our Vision**. The conference hopes to offer participants an opportunity to renew how compassion and healing relationships are lived out in Catholic health care. Since every health care encounter is one of moral meaning, the conference will highlight the *Health Ethics Guide* of the CHAC which is presently under revision. The conference also hopes to provide information, training, education, resources and networking opportunities for those involved in health and social services including:

- health care and social service professionals (physicians, nurses, social workers, mental health workers, nutritionists, OT, PT, etc.)
- executives and managers
- researchers
- patients and families
- religious leaders
- educator in health and social service disciplines
- board members
- government leaders
- primary care practitioners
- community leaders



This packet includes the information required to submit your proposal. We have provided an application form to facilitate the submission process. Should you have any questions, please contact Joan Lawrence at 1-613-731-7148 (ext. 250) or by e-mail: [jlawrence@chac.ca](mailto:jlawrence@chac.ca).



**We are looking forward to hearing from you!**

# Call for Workshop Proposals Guidelines

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE**  
**Friday, October 15, 2010 ~ 4:00 p.m. EDT**

## Guidelines for Submitting Proposals:

To streamline the submission process, we encourage all potential presenters to submit workshop proposals by e-mail or fax. Please limit your abstract to no more than 250 words. Abstracts can be prepared in English or French. The workshop proposal should have a title and the abstract should be as informative as possible. It is recommended that you use the form provided.

## Compensation for Presenters:

Thank you for your interest in this conference. The CHAC values your time and talents you wish to share with others. As a small token of our appreciation, the CHAC will provide a complimentary conference registration for one presenter per workshop. Travel and accommodations are to be paid by the presenter.

## Methods of Presentation

Workshops are 60 minutes long and it is hoped that the presenter provides an opportunity for input, discussion and questions. A workshop can include a panel discussion, the presentation of a paper, and/or experiential learning method (e.g. guided meditation).

## Themes

The conference will be structured around the three calls in the *Health Ethics Guide* (respecting the dignity of persons, fostering trust, and promoting social justice), and how these respond to the theme of the conference: Compassion. All workshops should seek to explore different elements of the conference theme and discuss one or all of the three calls. For example, if you are showcasing services that are provided with compassion, please incorporate ways that these tie into one of the three calls.

## Workshops can explore such topics as:

1. Care of the dying person
2. Moral distress
3. Mental health
4. Spirituality in the workplace
5. Spiritual stress in the workplace
6. Ethical issues arising in primary care, i.e. resource allocation
7. Ethical Framework for decision-making
8. Leadership
9. Care of the caregiver
10. Other....

Our intended audience is 250 participants. The goal is to have 20-25 participants in the 10 workshops that will be chosen. Sixty minute workshops that combine presentation with audience participation and practice work best. Also, handouts are encouraged. There will be 2 rounds of five 60-minute workshops on the afternoon of Thursday, May 5, 2011.

## **Workshop Selection Criteria:**

Proposals that demonstrate the greatest educational value to the conference attendees will be selected. The following general criteria are provided as a guide:

- The workshop develops a feature of the overall conference theme focusing on how “loving compassion and healing relationships” are created and sustained at all levels of an organization.
- The purpose and learning objectives of the workshop are clearly stated.
- The workshop represents a new or creative approach that challenges participants to expand or enhance their current practices.

A final decision regarding the inclusion of the proposals into the conference will be made by a Workshop Selection Committee. Proposals, which are incomplete by the deadline submission date or have questionable conclusions, will not be reviewed.

## **Submitting Your Proposal:**

All completed proposals should be submitted to the CHAC office by fax: 1-613-731-7797 or email: [jlawrence@chac.ca](mailto:jlawrence@chac.ca) by Friday, October 15, 2010 ~ 4:00 p.m. By submitting your abstract, you are granting the Catholic Health Alliance of Canada permission to list your name and workshop in our program.

## **Notification of Acceptance:**

Notification of all accepted proposals will be sent via email by November 1, 2010.