

Ground-breaking Curriculum Tackles Aging & Dying

by Georgette Forney

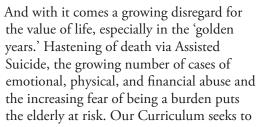
Anglicans for Life is pleased to announce the publication of our new 8-week Adult-Education Curriculum, Embrace the Journey. This one-of-a-kind educational series has been designed to help churches educate and equip parishioners to care for elderly family and church members because the reality is -

the church and our culture are aging! There are more than 40 million people in the United States age 65 and over, and 5.5 million of them are 85 or older. We as the church need to be prepared to minister to these people and help family members care for them.

Embrace the Journey recognizes this growing segment of our population and

their unique need for ministry and advocacy. Parishioners also need to hear what Scripture teaches about aging, dying, and death. This Adult-Ed Curriculum educates the people in the pews about the role of heaven in their faith walk and provides assurance of heaven as their home for eternity.

Anglicans for Life also produced Embrace the Journey because the term "end-of-life" for the elderly and terminally ill means something very different in today's culture than it did 20 years ago. Treating vulnerable people as second class citizens is not something we fear may happen, it is happening.



make people aware of these issues to help them be proactive in preventing them from happening to loved ones or themselves.

Two polls highlight why Embrace the Journey is relevant to today's Church.

According to a 2008 poll by USA Today/ABC News and Gallup, over 41% of American baby boomers are

providing some care for their elderly parents, and 8% say that their parents live with them.

In Gallup's 2011 Values and Beliefs poll, Physician-Assisted Suicide emerged as the most controversial cultural issue; 45% agreed that it is morally acceptable to have your doctor help you kill yourself and 48% felt that it is morally wrong. Opinions among Christians who participated in the survey mirrored their secular counterparts.

Not only are those considering Assisted Suicide in need of help, but so are the many loved ones being asked to care for aging parents.

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God and Hoag Saved My Life

by Patrick Coburn

I am here today to support the decision to quit performing elective abortions taken by Hoag Hospital because I am one of the lives saved through this hospital when many, if not most, would have not intervened to save me.

Hoag stood for my life when I could not. I am proud to stand with Hoag today on behalf of preborn children who cannot stand for themselves.

I completely support Hoag's decision consistent with their mission to promote, protect, and heal lives.

When I was dead, I could not speak for myself. When I was in a coma, I could not prove I was not a vegetable. When I first regained consciousness, I could not even lift my head, feed myself, take care of my bodily needs, speak, or even swallow. I was more helpless than a baby before birth. I am thankful Hoag did not consider my life of no value but did everything in their power to protect and heal my life.

In December 2012, I suffered a sudden death cardiac arrest in my home. Neither my wife nor Costa Mesa Fire could revive me. I did not respond to resuscitation attempts on the way to or in the ER. The ER staff was ready to pronounce me dead when the cardiologist, at my wife's urging, tried one more time. I resuscitated, and I was admitted to the cardiovascular critical care unit (CVCCU). I had a 0.01% chance of even surviving. My wife consented to lowering my core body temperature and medically sedating me to raise my chance of survival to 0.04%. (For comparison, 0.08% blood alcohol level is considered under the influence, and is about 2 drinks in one hour.) Not much chance.



Gretchen and Patrick Coburn held signs in support of Hoag Hospital's decision to stop performing abortions. What we cannot see in the photo are the pro-abortion picketers across the street from the hospital in Newport Beach, California.

Although my chances for survival were remote, and chances for substantial recovery slight, Hoag Hospital was completely committed to saving my life and assisting me in as much recovery as possible. They treated me as a human being with the right and privilege of life and were my allies, not my executioners nor mere witnesses to my demise. When I was coming out of my coma, some considered me a "vegetable" and encouraged my wife to let me go. I will always be thankful that she refused and Hoag supported her commitment to my life.

I am almost exactly 6 months from my death and new life. I am expected to make a full and complete recovery. My temporary limitations are negligible – lack of strength and stamina, short-term memory deficiencies, and difficulty enunciating clearly. I improve every day. I work out with a personal trainer, work part time in my construction-related profession, and testify every day to the life-giving power of God through exemplary life-committed institutions and people like Hoag.

Welcome to our fall issue of Carpe Diem!

After an intense 18 months working on **Embrace the Journey**, we are obviously very excited to announce its completion and publication. It was truly a labor of love inspired by the 5th Commandment:

Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

I have a dear friend who modeled this commandment in the way she honored her parents who lived with her for over 20 years. While I had always tried to respect my parents, when they turned 80, I saw subtle hints of frailty begin to creep in; common tasks became more challenging. I asked God to help me be more intentional in honoring my parents and the results were that my parents and I grew closer together and found great joy in a renewed and deepened relationship.

As I walked with them through their 'golden years,' I sometimes felt ill-equipped to understand and meet their needs. I heard many of my baby-boomer friends expressing similar concerns, so it seemed natural to create a resource to address this important season of life.

I finished **Embrace the Journey** on my Mother's 85th birthday and 25 days later she had a massive stroke.

Now, as I grieve Mom's death, I am left with two important blessings; a strong relationship with my Dad which is comforting for both of us and a plethora of memories, especially from the last 5 years.

Regardless of what has happened in the past, remember the 5th commandment, ironically the only commandment with a promise.

May Embrace the Journey help you do so.



I dedicate my work on **Embrace the Journey** to my mom, Myriam Adela Nutting

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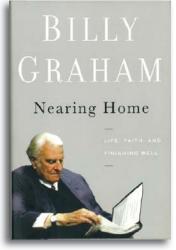
Recommended BOOK

Anglicans for Life is so grateful to the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association for allowing us to use quotes from Billy Graham's book, Nearing Home to make a powerful impact in our curriculum, Embrace the Journey.

Nearing Home

By Billy Graham

Thomas Nelson, 2011, ISBN 978-0-8499-4832-9



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Lauren Returns!

A familiar face has re-joined the AFL Staff! As some of you may remember, Lauren Jones Ullman served as Georgette's Assistant in 2011, but left AFL when she and husband, the Rev. Brice Ullman moved to Chattanooga, TN where Brice now serves as the Rector of the Anglican Church of the Redeemer.

Lauren is now telecommuting 10 hours a week, as she serves as AFL's Church Liaison. Her responsibilities include organizing Georgette's visits to churches, as well as helping plan our new Quasar Conferences.



Lauren Jones Ullman AFL's Church Liaison

Recently Lauren and Brice announced they are expecting their first child next February and at the same time, she was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma. While many may see the cancer as a reason to terminate the pregnancy, Lauren's love of life, faith in God and expert medical team has her determined to focus on nurturing the baby growing in her womb.

We are thrilled to have Lauren back on staff and ask you to keep Lauren, the baby, and Brice in your prayers.

Georgette might be visiting a church near YOU!

Georgette is packing her suitcase and heading to a church near you! This fall she will be presenting a workshop entitled **Are Life Issues Relevant in My Church?** at three church conferences. Here is the workshop's description: Abortion and Euthanasia are two well-known life issues that are often seen as political topics that should not be talked about in church. But are there people in the pews that are dealing with these issues, and do they need the church to address them from a pastoral perspective? This workshop will seek to answer these questions and provide practical pastoral tools to equip lay and ordained leaders for Life outreach.

At two churches, Georgette will present our new Quasar Conference (a Quasar is an astronomical body producing vast amounts of energy and is extremely luminous) which consists of three one-hour teachings. The first hour addresses abortion, while the second hour teaches on end of life issues. The goal of Anglicans for Life's Quasar Conference is to illuminate these two critical life issues and generate energy and ministry to impact them with God's truth and love! The third hour provides time to brain-storm ministry ideas and outreach opportunities that are related to life! Time for questions and answers is also included.

Here are the dates and locations for Georgette's presentations. If you are in the area, we hope you will consider attending.

- 1. Rejoice! New England Conference, Diocese of NE Sept. 20-22, Amesbury, MA, workshop.
- 2. 40 Days for Life Kick Off, Family for Life, Sept. 28-29, Jacksonville FL, speaking at Church of the Redeemer, Jacksonville, Silent No More meet/greet.
- 3. Quasar Conference, Christ our Hope Church, Oct. 3-6, Ft. Collins, CO, speaking at Christ our Hope Church, student rally at CSU.
- 4. Kingdom Conference, Diocese of Western Anglicans, Oct. 11-12, Carlsbad, CA, workshop.
- 5. Speaking at St. Paul's Church, Oct. 18-20, Darien CT.
- 6. Speaking at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Oct. 25-27, Conway, SC.
- 7. Anglican Diocese of the South Synod, Nov. 1-2, Loganville, GA, workshop.
- 8. Quasar Conference, St. Alban's Church, Richmond VA, Nov. 8-9.
- 9. Diocese of Mid-Atlantic Synod, Nov. 15-16, Woodbridge, VA.

INTRODUCING:

anglicans for life QUASAR CONFERENCE

Shining A Light on the Culture of Death

Presented by Georgette Forney, President of Anglicans for Life

A QUASAR is an astronomical body that produces vast amounts of energy and is extremely luminous. Anglicans for Life's 3-hour Quasar Conference energizes God's people to affirm life and shine the light of God's love on the Culture of death!

During the Quasar Conference, Georgette Forney, President of Anglicans for Life, will illuminate the truth of Abortion and Euthanasia. What are the current statistics? Who are the people behind the statistics? Why choose Abortion or Euthanasia? What are the methods used?

Once we have highlighted the reality about Abortion and Euthanasia, the last hour of the conference will answer the question, "Are these pastoral issues for the church?" and focus on energizing ministry that is God-centered and results driven!

Contact Anglicans for Life to schedule a Quasar Conference in your church 1-800-707-6635

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Prayer for Life



Lord God, thank you for creating human life in your image.
Thank you for my life and the lives of those I love.
Thank you for teaching us through Scripture the value you place on life.
Help me to uphold the sanctity of life in my church and community.
Give me the strength to stand up to those forces
that seek to destroy the lives of those most vulnerable, the unborn,
the infirm, and the elderly.

Today I commit myself never to be silent, never to be passive, never to be forgetful of respecting life. I commit myself to protecting and defending the sacredness of life according to Your will, through Christ our Lord.

Amen

The Cross of Life

by The Rev. Joanne Mumley, MDiv, P-BCC

"Language and symbols perform. They say, they do, they act, they communicate, and they express the language of the heart." *

As Christians, our lives are ordered around the life, the death and the resurrection of Christ. Throughout the Christian calendar there are days that are recognize for their significance in our salvation story, these are the red letter days. This month we celebrate the red letter day of the Feast of the Holy Cross on Saturday, September 14, 2013.

The Cross being a symbol of the mercy of our Savior, Christ; it is truly a language of the heart. It is the heart of God who gave His Son upon the Cross, as a sacrifice for our sins.

When you see a Cross during your day; does it remind you of the sacrifice that our Suffering Savior gave for us as a symbol of His suffering and our salvation?

Someone dear to me once shared: "When I was a little boy, I had seven eye operations. From my room, I could see a large Cross that was lit on the mountain outside my window. The nurses would take the patches off my eyes at night. Every night that I didn't have patches on my eyes, I would pray to that Cross to make me well and let me go home."

He prayed to the Cross for healing, so he could go home.

As Clergy Intern was walking into the Dean's garden at the southern Cathedral one afternoon, she sees a teenage girl sitting on a garden bench crying. The young lady shares that she hooked up with a young man on the computer. When alone with him in the downtown area, things got out of hand with the guy. She jumped out of the car in a panic. She was lost and alone. She didn't know where to go. She saw the crosses on the steeples of the Cathedral. Using the steeple crosses as her guide, she followed them to the Cathedral knowing they would bring her to safety.

She followed the Cross to safety.

Jesus said to us, "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. John 12:31-32

Who in your midst is lost in the night in need of healing of the Cross? Who in your midst is looking for a way to the safety of the Cross? Are we carrying our own cross to rescue those lost in the darkness of sin? Will you lead the lost to know the grace of our Suffering Savior, the God of the Cross?

In worship, let us kneel before the saving heart of Jesus Christ and the Holy Cross of his grace, as He draws all people to him through the sacrificial act of his mercy.

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Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world to himself: Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

^{*} Webber, Robert. The Divine Embrace: Recovering the Passionate Spiritual Life. (Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2006), 155.





This picture, showing Pope Francis releasing a dove from his hand, is a beautiful symbol of the hope that we so badly need to overcome the apathy that threatens to overwhelm us today.

The Pope warned us not to confuse optimism with hope. "Optimism is a psychological attitude towards life. Hope goes beyond that. It is the anchor you throw into the future and lets you pull the rope to get what you crave."

In other words, hope requires work, energy, imagination, vision and effort.

Just the opposite of the apathy and indifference that is so widespread today.

St. Augustine is famous for saying that hope is made up of two things: "One is anger at the way things are, and the other is the courage to change them."

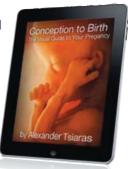


Reading the latest health news is not only informative and empowering, it is necessary.

With amazing technology and insight, author Alexander Tsiaras launched the interactive iBook Conception to Birth:

The Visual Guide to Your Pregnancy

For more info, visit:



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Life Legislation

Ohio Moves Planned Parenthood to Bottom of Funding List

New regulations in Ohio that prohibit publicly funded hospitals from accepting patients from abortion clinics could shut down most of the state's 12 abortion facilities. The recently signed state budget also requires abortionists to first try to detect a heartbeat through an external ultrasound and estimate the probability of bringing the fetus to term; move Planned Parenthood to the bottom of the state funding list, allow federal money to be funneled to pregnancy resource centers and provide funding for the first time to rape-crisis programs but prevent them from counseling pregnant rape victims about abortion.

Read the full story: http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2013/07/05/new-law-chips-away-at-abortion.html

Wisconsin New Law Protects Women & Unborn Babies

Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker signed into law on July 5, 2013 new abortion restrictions that opponents said could lead to the closing of two of the state's four abortion clinics. The law requires women to undergo an ultrasound before they get an abortion. It also requires doctors who perform abortions to have admitting privileges at a hospital within 30 miles of their clinics.

"This bill improves a woman's ability to make an informed choice that will protect her physical and mental health now and in the future," said Tom Evenson, a spokesman for the governor.

U.S. District Judge William Conley, blocked enforcement of the part of the law requiring abortionists to have local hospital admitting privileges. Planned Parenthood and the ACLU filed a lawsuit against the same part.

Texas Law Promotes a Culture of Life

On July 18, 2013, Texas Governor Rick Perry spoke at a signing ceremony for House Bill 2, which bans abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy, requires abortion clinics to meet the same standards as hospital-style surgical centers and mandates that a doctor have admitting privileges at a hospital within 30 miles of the facility where he or she performs abortions.

Abortion rights advocates said the law could force a majority of the state's 42 abortion clinics to close. The new provision that clinics be licensed as ambulatory surgery centers would require costly renovations or relocations to meet the architectural and equipment standards; abortion clinics have until September 2014 to comply with the surgical-center standards.

Upcoming Federal Legislation Regarding Human Cloning

Research has been published in the medical journal Cell announcing for the first time that scientists have been able to clone humans embryos and develop them to the point at which they can destroy them to derive embryonic stem cell lines (ESC). Pro-life leaders oppose this process because cloning involves the deliberate creation of a human embryo for the sole purpose of destruction and because women's eggs are required for the process of cloning, which could lead to the exploitation of women—especially poor women in this country and around the world.

Stem cell science is not controversial—killing embryos to do it is. Thousands of people have already benefited from ethical adult stem cell research.

Human Cloning Prohibition Act of 2013

First introduced by Rep. Andy Harris (R-MD) as H.R. 6623 in the 112th Congress prohibits actual or attempted human cloning or the transport of any product derived from human embryos and will be reintroduced by Harris soon.

Patients First Act of 2013 (H.R. 1740)

Introduced by Rep. Randy Forbes (R-VA) and Dan Lipinski (D-IL) promotes research and human clinical trials using adult stem cells because they show the most potential of providing clinical benefit and are ethically obtained.

tuO ebisnl ↔ Parenthood Planned

by Georgette Forney

Anglicans for Life believes that people need to be aware of Planned Parenthood's work. It seems they have partnered with the devil, promoting death and destruction in a variety of ways.

Just consider the following:

- Planned Parenthood supports infanticide. According to their representative, Alisa LaPolt Snow, Planned Parenthood, "believe[s] that, you know, any decision that's made [about a child born alive] should be left up to the woman, her family, and the physician."
- Planned Parenthood supports sexual discrimination, as they successfully blocked federal legislation that would have prohibited sex-selection abortions.²
- Planned Parenthood runs school-based health clinics to obtain teen customers for the abortion business without parental knowledge or permission.³
- Planned Parenthood does not do mammograms, but provides information that misleads people into thinking they do. ⁴ Furthermore, they put women at risk for breast cancer by promoting birth control pills while ignoring research that proves the pill is carcinogenic. ⁵
- A federal False Claims Act lawsuit recently led to an agreement by Planned Parenthood to pay \$4.3 million or more to settle claims for what the U.S. Department of Justice called Medicaid fraud.⁶
- Operation Rescue has documented 32 medical emergencies at Planned Parenthood abortion clinics since January 2012.
- Planned Parenthood improperly administers RU-486, resulting in the death of four women.
- Planned Parenthood promotes contraception, while acknowledging that women often use it
 incorrectly, which leads to pregnancy and abortion. 54% of women who use birth control pills
 become pregnant.⁹
- Investigations found eight Planned Parenthood clinics in five different states were willing to
 cover-up sexual abuse, disregarding mandatory suspected statutory rape reporting laws. Clinics
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And I, as the author, can personally attest to the benefit of going through this curriculum!

Sadly, my mother had a stroke and died one month after I finished writing Embrace the Journey. Many of the topics discussed in the series were applicable to different issues that came up during the 11 days Mom was in the hospital before she died.

While I was compiling the teachings for Embrace the Journey, it was Spirit led and based on theory, but I was grateful to find the advice very helpful in reality.

The 8-week, DVD Embrace the Journey Curriculum includes video presentations by me and interviews with Anglican bishops, parish priests, and experts in "end-of-life" issues.

Embrace the Journey features:

Bp. Keith Ackerman

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Bp. John Rodgers

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The Rev. Geoff Chapman

The Rev. Russell E. J. Martin

The Rev. David Montzingo

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Alex Schadenberg, Euthanasia Prevention Coalition

Bobby Schindler with Terri Schiavo Life and Hope Network

Jessica Copeland Volante, Supervisor, Copeland Funeral Home

Embrace the Journey Weekly Topics:

Week 1 - What the Bible teaches us about mortal life and eternal life

Week 2 & 3 - Examine different methods to hasten death

Week 4 - Discuss Hospice & Comfort Care

Week 5 - Advanced Directives & Healthcare Advocates when needed

Week 6 - Review practical steps to prepare for aging and dying

Week 7 - Funeral Planning and facing the death of a loved one

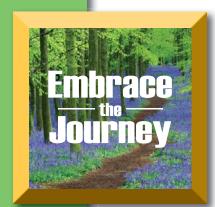
Week 8 - The role of the church and understanding suffering, death, and heaven

IN BRIEF

1,270 Babies Born Alive After Failed Abortions in the United States

LifeNews.com reports a shocking figure from a hearing on a bill in Florida that should capture the attention of people across the US:

Hundreds of babies are born alive following botched abortions every year.



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will seize the day for life! If this is the first time you have heard of Anglicans for Life, Welcome! We're glad you picked up our Carpe Diem newsletter. We hope you read on to see who we are, what we do, and how you can join us!

passion to inspire the Church to uphold the sanctity of life in teaching and provid-God's Word is our guide when it comes to what we believe about Life. We have a ing pastoral care.

adoption, euthanasia/end of life, and embryonic stem cell research. We develop edu-Anglicans for Life's ministry encompasses all of the life issues – abortion, abstinence,

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raises awareness of the devastating impact of abortion on women, men and society – Anglicans for Life is co-sponsor of the Silent No More Awareness Campaign, which and the need for healing through Christ.

Right now, there are churches and individuals using AFL resources and proclaiming the biblical view of life in all 50 states in the USA and in 22 countries around the

If you have a passion for life issues, get in touch: www.AnglicansforLife.org or by calling 1-800-707-6635.

Fogether, we can make a difference...for LIFE!



