## the conversation project in boulder county

## "Fostering meaningful and effective conversations about end-of-life care"

The Conversation Project in Boulder County is eager to work with faith communities, supporting them in a special ministry to members of their congregations.

In the words of Rev. Susan Springer, Rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, "We continue to have an impact on the world after we are dead. The people whose lives we have touched will think and act differently because of us." Leaving family members "in the dark" about our wishes may result in strife at the bedside and may cause lasting damage in the relationships of the people we love the most. The way in which we die is part of our legacy.

Our volunteer speakers and coaches are willing to work with your community in whatever way is most helpful. Some approaches that other faith communities have taken include:

- 1. Presentation for small or large groups within your community. Presentations may be formal or informal, 20 minutes to 90 minutes in length. Some congregations have created a series of presentations on related topics such as financial planning, ethical wills, memorial/funeral service planning.
- 2. A sermon on the topic of "Compassionate Conversations".
- 3. Presentation to your health ministry, legacy ministry or caring committee; whatever you call that group of people who reach out to others in time of need.
- 4. Two hour training session for members of the above groups or individuals who wish to support others in the congregation who need help with having the "the conversation" with family members.
- 5. The trained individuals may take the message to special interest groups within the congregation.
- 6. Speakers and coaches from our organization will remain available to your congregation or to individuals within it for support and information.

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