



INVESTIGATING AND EXPLORING SPIRITUAL CONNECTION IN DAILY LIFE

A PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING PROGRAM

DATES

Session 1: Oct. 29, 2015, 7:00-9:00 p.m. **Session 2:** Oct. 30, 2015, 8:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.

OVERVIEW

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LEADER

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AUDIENCE

CE Credits for licensed psychologists, social workers, marriage and family therapists, professional counselors, registered nurses, certified registered nurse practitioners, and professional coaches are available for each program.

CEUs are available for clergy and chaplains.

LODGING AND DIRECTIONS

This program will be held at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (616 N. Highland Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15206). On-campus housing is available via reservation by calling 412-924-1397 or e-mailing reception@pts.edu.

Directions to the Seminary can be found at www.pts.edu/directions.

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Program questions: Contact Martha Robbins at 412-924-1423 or [Click to view e-mail](#)

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