

“Listening and the Art of Pastoral Caring” is the first in a series of three workshop days designed to help participants build caring communities in their churches. The event will take place on Saturday, October 27th at St. Peter’s United Church, York Street, Sudbury from 9:30a.m. to 3:30p.m. The morning session, “Developing Effective Communication” will be led by Madeleine Sauve, Client Services Co-ordinator for Warmhearts and Rev. Catherine Somerville, Manitou Conference Staff. The afternoon session “How to Visit” will be led by Allison Cline-Dean, Chaplain, Pioneer Manor, and Sister Costanza Romano, Team Lead, Spiritual and Religious Care, St. Joseph’s Health Centre.

Registration is \$35 and includes a light lunch. Sponsorship is available through Manitou Conference Learning Grants and through MILC. These workshops will be helpful not only to members of pastoral care teams but to everyone involved in visiting in private homes, hospitals and care facilities. Please register by October 22nd. A display of resources for purchase will be provided by the United Resource Distribution Centre.

The second event in the series, to take place on Saturday, January 26th, will develop the themes of session one and will respond to the needs and concerns of participants in the October event. The third event, on Saturday, April 20th, will focus on the pastoral care of the dying and bereaved and will be presented by Rev. Dr. Anne Simmonds from Emmanuel College, University of Toronto.

Participants are encouraged to attend all three events, but participation in a single event will be possible if space is available.

These events are presented by the Manitou Intentional Learning Community www.manitoulearningcommunity.com. For more information and to register, please contact Gillian gschell@laurentian.ca 705 671 0185.