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#### ABOUT US

Located on the ground floor of George Browning House on the Canberra campus of Charles Sturt University, the Centre is home to a team dedicated to scholarship in quality of life issues for older people.

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# CARING FOR THE SPIRIT, RE-MEMBERING THE PERSON: ENCOUNTERING THE SPIRITUAL IN DEMENTIA

A workshop by  
Rev. Prof. John Swinton

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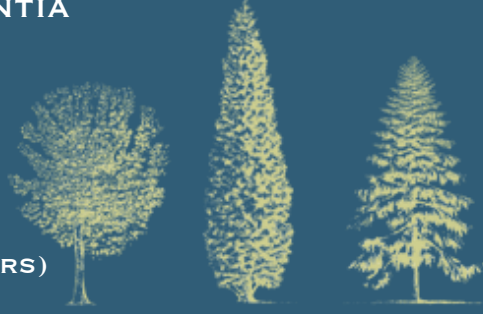
TIME: 9:00 AM TO 2:30 PM

VENUE: THE HELLENIC CLUB, CANBERRA

PRESENTER: REV. PROF. JOHN SWINTON

COST: \$110 (CAPS MEMBERS), \$130 (NON-MEMBERS)

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE SEPTEMBER 1, 2009



Rev. Prof. Swinton is an ordained minister with the Church of Scotland and Chair in Divinity and Religious Studies and Professor in Practical Theology and Pastoral Care at the University of Aberdeen. He is also a Registered Nurse for People with Learning Disabilities and a Registered Mental Health Nurse. Rev. Prof. Swinton is the founder of the Centre for the Study of Spirituality and Health, which aims to enable academics, researchers, practitioners and educators to work together to develop innovative and creative research projects and teaching initiatives within the areas of spirituality and health and the theology of disability.

What does it mean to deliver person-centred dementia care? In order to answer this question we need to be clear about what we think it means to be a person. We often assume that persons are individuals with their own identities, personalities and memories. If this is so, then dementia is deeply troubling as it seems to take away the essence of what we are as persons. However, in reality, human beings are deeply interdependent; we become who we are through one another and not apart from one another. Even our memories are shared; they are held and shared within our relationships and communities as well as within our own minds.

If human beings are interdependent and if even our memories are shared, then person-centred dementia care has primarily to do with relationships and community building. But how might we develop such a focus in a society that is highly individualistic and within which community is difficult to find? This session will focus on the practical implications of our understandings of a communal and relational understanding of what it means to be a person and how such an understanding offers vital new possibilities for our understanding of dementia and the forms of care that we offer to people with this experience. The workshop will be practical and interactive, concentrating on listening to and working with the stories and experiences of the participants.

- Rev. Prof. John Swinton

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