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LIVING AND DYING IN AMERICA

Three conversations in February 2011

The Oklahoma Center for Community and Justice

MEDICAL DILEMMAS OF LIVING AND DYING IN AMERICA

Three important conversations in
February 2011 convened by the
Oklahoma Center for Community and Justice

William W. O' Connor, President
Rev. Dr. Bill Crowell, Series Chair and Moderator
Nancy Day, Executive Director

LIVING v. DYING: THE COSTS



Most of our healthcare budget goes to patients in their last six months of life. Many patients say that **they want to die at home**, but that's not the typical scenario. The same technology that sustains us at the end presents enormous ethical challenges. Are there more effective interventions that would cost us less in **money and moral grief**?

Jeff Alderman, M.D., University of Oklahoma School of Community Medicine

Kevin Donovan, M.D., University of Oklahoma School of Community Medicine

Sunday, February 6 at 2 pm

Boston Avenue United Methodist Church, 1301 South Boston



A dignified death might mean **choosing against treatment**. What happens when people stop defining disease as a battleground? Is palliative care a defeat, or another way of responding to the challenge of terminal illness? What does "terminal" mean? Many of us are fearful of **pulling the plug** on those we love. Where is God in this complicated equation?

WHO CARES & HOW?

Barbara Bilderback, St. Francis Hospice

Ron Nofziger, Hillcrest Medical Center

Rabbi Anna Berroll, Temple Israel

Dr. Mindy McGarrah Sharp, Phillips Theological Seminary

Dr. Ziad Sous, Islamic Society of Tulsa

Sunday, February 13 at 2 pm

Peace Academy, 4620 South Irvington

MEANING IN THE SHADOWS

Every tradition defines the meaning
of life, but it must also reckon
with **the meaning of death**. Is
this world the end of the line ,
or is there another domain that opens
up at the moment of death?
What are our options for leaving a legacy
that contributes to the **general good**?
Can death itself be part of a
beautiful and fulfilling life?



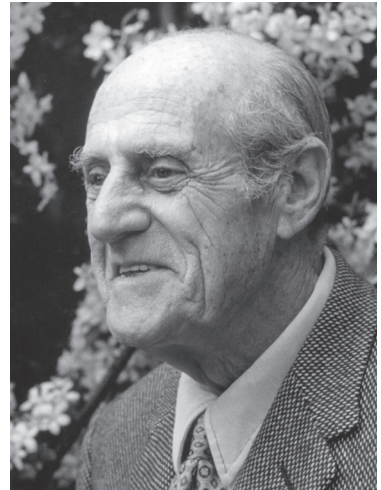
Rev. Irv Cutter, St. John's Episcopal Church
Nuredin Giayash, Peace Academy
Father Jack Gleason, Church of the Madalene

Sunday, February 20 at 2 pm

Congregation B'nai Emunah, Peoria at Seventeenth Street

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