Mobilizing faith communities in the fight against Alzheimer’s.

The ClergyAgainstAlzheimer’s Network and the Faith United Against Alzheimer’s Coalition are diverse, interfaith national communities of clergy, other faith leaders, laity, and organizations advocating for dementia friendly faith communities across the country and demanding action to stop Alzheimer’s. We are part of UsAgainstAlzheimer’s constellation of networks engaging communities most deeply affected by Alzheimer’s through tailored programming and educational outreach efforts.

We believe that living with value and purpose is a human right. To that end, we promote dignity, compassionate care, and quality of life for those living with dementia and their families, as we work together to stop Alzheimer’s by 2020. The Clergy Network brings together faith leaders and people of faith, while the Faith Coalition includes faith- or denomination-based organizations and Alzheimer’s agencies working with community faith leaders.

Our communities are welcoming to those living with dementia and their families, and take steps to enable worship, support care partners, educate about dementia, and promote brain health.

We join together to call on industry leaders, community stakeholders, and policymakers to work urgently to improve care for those living with this disease and their care partners, and fully fund research to find disease-modifying treatments and a cure for Alzheimer’s.

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Dementia Friendly Faith Initiative

- Shining a light on the unique and important role that faith communities play in supporting those living with dementia and their care partners.
- Educating about the dementia crisis.
- Fostering continued spiritual engagement for those living with dementia.
- Amplifying successful programs underway in congregations and communities across the country.
- Encouraging new denominations and congregations to become dementia friendly.
- Engaging new denominations and congregations to join the Faith United Against Alzheimer’s Coalition and become Dementia Friends.
- Creating multimedia online toolkit for congregations to be used across all faiths.
- Providing training for congregation and community leaders to support implementation.

Results from a recent UsAgainstAlzheimer’s A-List survey of dementia patients and caregivers:

70% of respondents say they’ve been fully or partially sustained in their journeys by their faith.

MORE THAN

75% of respondents say it’s is very important for faith communities to foster dementia-friendly spiritual connection and meaningful engagement for those living with dementia and their caregivers.

Lack of resources both human and financial, and training tools are cited as the biggest barriers to dementia-friendly faith communities.

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