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COMMENTS FROM WEOI ONLINE SEMINAR PARTICIPANTS...

I continue to be impressed with the variety and quality of topics and content through the Oates Institute and I will continue to utilize the site and opportunities as they come. It is fantastic!!!!

I see this form of continuing education as a life-line for rural clergy who are hungry to grow and stay current.

One can easily be lulled into a view that all healthcare facilities and their values are the same and that is not true as I learned. I definitely felt challenged in my perspective. It was transformative.

Through The Wayne Oates Institute I held a wonderful First-Year-Ministers' Seminar for 20-30 people. It was our first time doing an online CE event. It lasted 12 days with continuing email conversations following. I saved almost \$8,000 in my budget, and the ministers each saved another several hundred dollars.

My motivation was to be able to respond to some real issues occurring in my congregation. The online format gave me an opportunity to do so at a low cost without travel. I came to the seminar out of a heartfelt need. The content matched a life situation. I do sincerely believe it was an answer to prayer.

I really appreciated the articles and the discussion here, and I must say that it was very helpful for me! Thanks!

I found the articles stimulating, yet just as stimulating or more so, was the shape of dialogue via this distant learning mode.

I think these sessions have reaffirmed for me just how hopeful and active we as chaplains and clergy need to be to push the health care field along... so that "the Whole Person" is considered.

I felt free to consider, interact and make application to me, personally, and to my work role.

This workshop became very personal as I looked at how I work in light of caring for my health and well-being.

This one [seminar] was so very timely, one of those providential things. I needed the CEUs but more importantly, I needed the reminders in this seminar. I am already seeing the benefits.

By reading the articles first, and then reading others' views and experiences, it opened me to see my experiences with different eyes.

The anonymity of the internet always contributes to creating a safe environment... people seemed open to write about and "listen" to a variety of thoughts, experiences and ideas.

It was helpful to hear from a diverse group of people--theologically, geographically... and to reflect on their contributions.