

WCCM (MALAYSIA) Meditatio Seminar

# Compassionate Presence -

**Interfaith Approaches to Palliative Care**



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*"Death is not an outrage,"* asserts spiritual writer, Ram Dass. All the great religious traditions assure us that birth and death are inextricably connected, that death is not the end but a new beginning, and that there is deep inner growth and transcendent significance in the dying experience.

Life's final chapter includes a threshold place, a crucial time of transition, a passage to expansive being and unfolding, where higher forces break in. Kathleen Dowling Singh, who worked at a hospice for many years, describes it as a period that "begins with a perceived sense of tragedy and culminates, after the arduous process of psycho-spiritual transformation, in an experience of grace. The movement is precisely from tragedy to grace. Although the transformation appears to occur more easily for some people than for others, this seems to be a universal process."

During the seminar we will look at death and dying from various faith perspectives and particularly from the view point of those who form an integral part of any team engaged in care for the dying – family members, doctors, nurses, counsellors, friends and volunteers. Speakers will also address the needs of such carers in order to help us to better support our loved ones and ourselves through this hard, demanding, profound time.

**Date** 9 June 2018

**Place** Exhibition Hall, Council of Churches Malaysia (CCM),  
26 Jalan Universiti, Petaling Jaya, Selangor

**Time** 8 am - 5.30 pm

**Fee** RM55 (lunch and two teas provided)

**Closing date for registration: 1st June 2018**

**Fee payment**

Payment in favour of WCCM Malaysia is to be deposited directly into the WCCM Malaysia MAYBANK account (A/C No: 514187358320).

**Registration**

To register, fill in contact details in registration form below and send this with copy of bank-in slip to Judith Cheu (012-2829018 ; cheuwit@hotmail.com).

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