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Fort Wayne, IN —The Towne House Retirement Community will once again open its doors to the community for the 32nd Annual Conference on Ministry with the Aging on Tuesday, September 22nd. This year's theme, "Seasons of Caregiving," will allow chaplains, clergy, social workers, nurses, administrators and family caregivers to spend a day thinking about the seasons that have shaped their lives caring for other people.

The theme takes its cue from Ecclesiastes 3:1 and its reminder that we experience life in seasons. Caregiving almost never looks the same from one year to the next, and some days it does not look the same by dinnertime. There are seasons of joy, seasons of just holding on, seasons of grief and seasons when things start to feel new again. The 2026 conference is built to help caregivers name the season they are in right now, care well inside of it, and pick up the spiritual and practical support they need for whatever comes next.

Now in its 32nd year, the conference is one of northeast Indiana's longest-running gatherings devoted to the spiritual care of older adults. The day includes breakfast, lunch, continuing education units and three keynote speakers who are top of their field. Speakers this year will include Dr. Nipun Chopra, Associate Professor of Psychology and Neuroscience at DePauw University and Chief Operating Officer at DexTech is a former Alzheimer's researcher whose published work explores the link between memory loss and neurodegeneration as well as Rev. James Voorman, Director of Pastoral Care at Lutheran Life Villages. Rev. Voorman is a graduate of Concordia Theological Seminary where he served congregations for more than a decade before moving into senior care ministry.

"We host this conference because caregivers deserve real education," said Hayley Compton, Executive Director at The Towne House Retirement Community and Prairie Landing. "Bringing in speakers like Dr. Chopra and Rev. Voorman and offering the CEUs is the least we can do. People come from all over northeast Indiana, and they leave with something that changes how they care for the people counting on them."

"Our hope is to equip, educate and encourage every caregiver that they have what it takes to sustain themselves for every season of caregiving," said Wes Reece, Chaplain/Social Services Associate at The Towne House Retirement Community.

The conference runs from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Tuesday, September 22, 2026, at The Towne House Retirement Community, 2209 St. Joe Center Road in Fort Wayne. To register, contact Wes Reece at wreece@townehouse.org or 260.969.8012.