

The Master of Arts in Religious Leadership for Social Change (MASC)
Program invites you to a conversation with
Dr. Charles Garfield



***CARING AND THE RELIGIOUS LIFE:
MINISTERING TO SOULS WHO SUFFER***

“As long as we are occupied and preoccupied with our desire to do good but are not able to feel the crying need of those who suffer, our help remains hanging somewhere between our minds and our hands and does not descend into the heart where we can care.” ~ Henri Nouwen, *Out of Solitude*

Thursday December 3, 2009 from 5:30pm – 7:30pm
Starr King School for the Ministry
2441 LeConte Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94709

This presentation and conversation will focus on:

- how a caring presence and arousing empathy are central to ministering to the lost, lonely, sick, bereaved, and brokenhearted
- identifying the motivations, risks, and rewards of entering into a close relationship with the frail elderly, poor, homeless, abused, chronically ill, or those at the end of life

In addition, we will ask:

- Can those in religious life honestly claim to know another person’s suffering?
- Why do we enter into – or sometimes resist – solidarity with those in the grip of suffering?

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