

Resources & Updates: Fall 2023

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Editors' Note: This section emphasizes resources at the intersection of religion/spirituality and public health, as well as major organizations that at times address these intersections. Please see the "Resources" tab on the PHRS website for more content, and please send new potential content to this section to: phrsadm1@publichealthrs.org

New Research

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- Rasanathan J. J. K. (2023). Religion and health, and the search for common ground. *BMJ*, 382:p1661 [doi:10.1136/bmj.p1661](https://doi.org/10.1136/bmj.p1661)
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- Santibañez S., Allen E.M., Hairston S., Santibanez T.A., Jeon S., Hayman K. (2023). Racial and Ethnic Differences in Openness to Communication From Local Faith-Based Congregations During Public Health Emergencies. *Public Health Reports*. doi:[10.1177/00333549231186578](https://doi.org/10.1177/00333549231186578)

Articles, Books, Commentaries, Interviews, Webinars, Projects, and Networks

- **Upcoming Webinar: [Religion, Spirituality, and Health Scientific Interest Group: "Shaken to the Core: Spiritual Struggles as a Vital Topic for Clinical Research and Practice"](#)** with Dr. Kenneth Pargament, Tuesday, October 17, 2023.
- Valparaiso University. (2023, April 19th). Susan Holman Religion, Spirituality & Global Health Guest Interview with Katelyn Long, DrPH [Video]. YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pACSL0JBoXA>
- Faith 4 Public Health. (2023, March 29). Health in the City: Enhancing Health in Times of Crisis [Video]. YouTube. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TYs9I6azVa0&ab_channel=Faith4PublicHealth
- World Health Organization. (2023). *Report of the WHO and Religions for Peace global conference: strengthening national responses to health emergencies, October–December 2021*. <https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240054035>
- Shablysty V.V., Kosiachenko K.E., Berezniak V. S., Katorkin R. A., & Konopelskyi V. Y. (2023). Activities of international medical and humanitarian NGOs in Ukraine under martial law. *Christian Journal for Global Health*, 10(1), 33-42. <https://doi.org/10.15566/cjgh.v10i1.749>

- Kemp, S. (2023). Effective Faith Partnerships during COVID-19: Lessons Learned from Development Practitioners. *Joint Learning Initiative on Faith & Local Communities*. <https://jliflc.com/resources/effective-faith-partnerships-during-covid-19-lessons-learned-from-development-practitioners/>
- Langevin, H.H. (2023). Including Spirituality Into a Fuller Picture of Research on Whole Person Health. *NIH National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health*. <https://www.nccih.nih.gov/about/offices/od/director/past-messages/including-spirituality-into-a-fuller-picture-of-research-on-whole-person-health>
- [Hearing the Voice](#) (2012-2022). A 10 year interdisciplinary research project on voice-hearing. Led by Durham University. Funded by the Wellcome Trust.
- [Religion, Health, and Humanities Researchers Network](#).

Upcoming Conferences and Calls for Papers (newest first)

- **Call for Abstracts:** [The Conference on Medicine & Religion](#) is accepting abstracts until **11:59pm EST, Wednesday, November 1, 2023**. The theme for this year's conference is "*In Pursuit of the Great Coherence: Healing in the Spaces Between*". Conference date: April 14-16, 2024.
- **Upcoming:** [2024 Oxford Patristics Conference](#) (August 5–9, 2024) Conference theme: "Hope in Health: Our Labor is Not in Vain". Conference date: August 5-9, 2024, Oxford, England. **[Deadline to register:](#)** August 5, 2024