



Watercolour by LCLI Fellow Larry Pray

~ Hope ~



"History, and sadly often the news turned out by my tribe, journalists, mostly records our evolution as a catalog of crime and conquest. The hands of those who have birthed, cared for, and raised new generations, growing crops, domesticated and herded animals, loved, sang, drew, wrote poetry, sheltered, taught and healed are not as visible as those of the criminals, conquerors and warriors. We tend to magnify the times when we sacrifice out better selves to go to war, to enslave, annihilate, exterminate, steal, rob, and plunder. We don't record for posterity of the trillions of little things that most of us do every day to make life as humans worth living. Hope does not need a hero. It does not need another Jesus, prophet Muhammad, Buddha or even Nelson Mandela, to save us or our country. Hope needs us. Each and everyone of us."

[Extracted from Heather Robertson, 'Letter from the Editor', *Daily Maverick*, 10-16 June 2023]



Handbook on Religion & Health: Diagnosis, Prognosis

20 Fellows are contributing to this project (commissioned by Edward Elgar Publishing, UK, co-edited by Jim, Gary and TC), among others. A major joint collaboration, the Handbook will focus on community, public & population health, assessing not just where we are at but, above all, asking what we need to know and do for a more hopeful future. Many of the authors, including international contributors, will gather in Winston-Salem in October for three days to discuss all of this. Publication is expected in 2024.

New LCLI Fellows

Dora Barrilla



Dora (DrPH), is President and co-founder of HC2 Strategies, co-chair of Stakeholder Health, former VP for Community Health Investment at Providence, and founder & Chair of Partners for Better Health, promoting health initiatives in communities. She has spent two decades putting strategic, effective, and 'downright creative' healthcare plans in place. Aware that proactive health policy requires innovative thinking and action, she has been a key thought leader and innovator spear-heading ("creating and driving") strategic plans for health systems. Looking at needs assessment, implementation, strategy, advisement, coalition building, systems and policy changes – the many spokes in today's healthcare wheel – she drives meaningful change in the ever-shifting healthcare environment. She lives in Southern California with husband Tom, and has two grown daughters.

Deon Snyman

Deon holds a MA in Semitic Languages, PhD. in Theology from the University of Pretoria, and MPhil in Political Studies from the University of Cape Town. He served 11 years as a minister of rural Zulu-speaking congregations of the Uniting Reformed Church in Southern Africa. He then worked for the Diakonia Council of Churches in Durban as the Manager of Priority Issues. In 2006 was appointed as the Chief Operating Officer of the Restitution Foundation (www.restitution.org.za), and in 2019 as the Managing Director of the Goedgedacht Trust (www.goedgedacht.org) at its rural development olive farm outside of Cape Town. Deon has invited the LCLI and Fellows to treat Goedgedacht, highly congruent with the 'leading causes of life', as a place for gathering and treating as a home of shared vision.



Sarah Crawford-Browne

Sarah is a clinical social worker who sparks undergraduate medical students' curiosity in the social and psychological dynamics shape people's experiences of health and wellbeing in South Africa. A lecturer in the Dept of Family, Community, and Emergency Care, University of Cape Town, her doctoral research is on understanding how people make meaning of living in a high violence community in Cape Town, and how this shapes their responses to continuous traumatic stress. Her current teaching and research is grounded in twenty years of work as a community-based trauma therapist in Cape Town, Sierra Leone, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Uganda, and southern Sudan. Her husband is Deon Snyman, whom she helps in building Goedgedacht into a place of hope, encouraged by their friend Archbishop Desmond's statement that "hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness."