

Chaplains Association of Ohio (CAO)
End of Life: Working Together in Sacred Space
(Chaplains and Death Doulas)

A death doula, or end-of-life doula, is a trained, non-medical professional who guides individuals and their families through the emotional, spiritual, and practical aspects of dying. As part of the broader death-positivity movement, they provide customized bedside companionship, legacy planning, and caregiver relief.

October 15, 2026 (Thursday)
(Zoom Conference)
9:00 am to 12:30 pm



Presenters: Carole Silvoy, Life Transitions Doula &
Julie Mislansky, Chaplain, Educator

For information: Rev. Dr. Faith Proietti, BCC (419-989-1861) or
Rev. Mark English, BCC (419-265-7171)

PRESENTERS

Carole Silvoy: Carole is an End of Life Doula. In her practice, Good Heart Companion, she works with folks as their Life Transitions Navigator. Some services include leading Death Cafes in both physical and virtual spaces, and groups for caregivers whose role has ended. Her work in senior communities involves creating death positive space, and providing support for caregivers, for those with dementia, and for staff after patient deaths. Retired after three decades as a Certified Interpreter for the Deaf, Carole also served ten years as an Associate in Ministry in the ELCA. She trained with INELDA (International End-of-Life Doula Association) in 2019, and in April finished a year-long Certification Cohort.

Julie Mislansky: is a chaplain, educator and ministry leader whose passion centers around helping people grow, connect and find meaning through every stage of life. She is a lay-leader in the United Methodist Church and has completed the Foundations of Death Care course from Iliff School of Theology.

SCHEDULE

9:00 am - Introductions

9:15 am – Group Activity – “*The Death Deck*” with Carole Silvoy

9:45 am – *What is a Doula?*

10:15 am – Break

10:30 am – Breakout Sessions and Group Discussion

10:50 am – Group Reflection

11:10 am – *Chaplains Serve in “Doula-like” Ways* with Julie Mislansky

11:40 am – Breakout Sessions and Group Discussion

12:00 pm – Alternative Burial Options

12:20 pm - Closing (evaluations, ceu’s, resources)

Registration online: Chapsohio.net

3.0 CEU

COSTS:

- Yearly CAO Membership: (2026-2027) \$35

RETREAT COSTS:

- Member - \$30
- Non-Member - \$50
- CPE Fellows/Residents - \$25
- **Group Discount** (5 or more people from the same agency)
\$35 per person
(Application on website)