Progress Report #3: Strategic Partners for Spiritual Care Continue to Explore Further Collaboration
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Participating Associations:
- ACPE: The Standard for Spiritual Care & Education
- Association of Professional Chaplains (APC)
- National of Catholic Chaplains (NACC)
- Neshama: Association of Jewish Chaplains (NAJC)

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Discussion Update:

Below are some brief updates on the progress of our discussions to date:

- The Strategic Partners negotiation committee held our third meeting January 31, 2020 by conference call. The meeting lasted over 3 hours.

- The meeting was positive, productive, and reflective of our shared values and complementary strengths.

- We began the conversation by exploring the governance structure that would best achieve our shared vision. This structure must provide the clarity to enable all parties to be tightly aligned and effective but must also be inclusive of the founding organizations and those which may join in the years to come.

- We confirmed a desire to design a central entity focused on strengthening the work of the Strategic Partners, through a combination of collective advocacy and services and supports to the Strategic Partners that allow those organizations to more effectively engage their members.
- We are excited about our progress, but clear that there is much work to be done. We will continue to bring the picture of the combined entity into focus this month – including clarity on the value proposition to potential affiliates – through a combination of conference calls and in-person meetings.

- We look forward to sharing more details about the structure as they emerge.

- For previous updates, please review Progress Report #2.

The Strategic Partners encourage their members to participate in the process in whatever way your respective associations invite you to do so. Member feedback will drive the envisioning process and identify innovative solutions to meet each of the association’s challenges and actualize opportunities. Members will have the final decision-making power because each association’s membership will vote on the final proposal. Please contact forstrategicpartners@gmail.com with questions.