



Spirituality and Aging: Finding Meaning in the Context of Personal and Societal Change

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This Special Issue will focus on the importance of spirituality and spiritual care for long life, exploring

- sources of inner strength and resilience in later life;
- the role of community/belonging/trust; and
- what the intersections of spirituality and aging teach us (older adults and younger adults) about being more fully human—in our vulnerability, compassion, mortality...





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