

Karen Geiger-Behm, MDiv, MA, BCC is a staff chaplain in the Cancer and Blood Disease Institute at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center (CCHMC). She is also closely connected to the palliative care team and serves as the team's chaplain liaison. Karen grew up in a funeral home family and has a strong interest in meaningful end-of-life care. She completed her Masters of Counseling degree at Asbury Theological Seminary in 2000. She went on to work for Hospice of the Western Reserve in Cleveland, Ohio as a Spiritual Care Coordinator. Towards the end of her time with Hospice, she began working with the pediatric hospice population. Realizing she needed more education to work in pediatrics, she applied and was accepted at CCHMC as a chaplain resident for the 2003-2004 year. After a year at CCHMC, Karen attended Princeton Theological Seminary to complete the Masters of Divinity Degree. She started work at The Jewish Hospital in Cincinnati as a member of the Palliative Care Team and was ordained in the United Church of Christ. She was finalist for the Albert E. Dyckes Health Care Worker of the Year, from the Ohio Health Care Association, in recognition of her work in caring for the dying. In 2013, Karen accepted a staff position back at CCHMC and currently is working with a team to provide post-loss clinical reviews with bereaved family members. Karen lives in Cincinnati, OH with her wife and two young children.