

Faith in Action Caregivers has partnered with the Alzheim Resource and Referral Center to bring the “The Memory Bridge: Creating Meaningful Communication for Those Living with Alzheimer’s Disease” to Wheeling on September 17 - 19, 2013. [Registration forms](#)

are now available for the two-day workshop on September 17 and 18 presented by [Naomi Feil](#)

is designed for nurses, social workers, discharge planners, nursing home and assisted living administrators and staff, home health professionals, recreational therapists, activity directors, physical therapists, occupational therapists and any other health care or social service professionals and anyone caring for or helping someone who is living with Alzheimer’s Disease or another form of dementia.

[Registration forms](#)

are also available for the one-day workshop on September 19 presented by [Michael Verde](#)

for clergy and other congregational ministers (parish nurses, deacons, elders, etc.) only and will explore the spiritual needs of those living with Alzheimer’s Disease.

Naomi Feil, M.S.W., A.C.S.W., created Validation Therapy and will be teaching the techniques. Validation helps those who are disoriented because of some form of dementia reduce stress, enhance dignity and improve happiness. Validation sees the retreat of the person into the past as a means of survival. Ms. Feil has taught these techniques to more than 80,000 health care workers and family caregivers in the United States and five other continents. She has authored numerous articles and books and eleven award-winning film scripts.

Michael Verde is the founder and president of Memory Bridge: The Foundation for Alzheimer’s and Cultural Memory. He is an author and holds a master’s degree in theology. Memory Bridge programs connect people with Alzheimer’s Disease and related dementias to family, friends and other people. The goal of Memory Bridge is to create a global community of people who are learning to listen to people with dementia for what they have to teach us about our own humanity. Mr. Verde was instrumental in the development of the interview guide used by the Library of Congress Veteran’s History Project and produced the PBS documentary, *There is a Bridge*.

The workshop will be held in Troy Theater at Wheeling Jesuit University and is funded in part by The Community Foundation of the Ohio Valley and the Wheeling Automobile Club Fund.

There is a \$50.00 per person charge for the two-day workshop. The fee includes a continental breakfast, breaks, lunch and materials each day. Continuing Education Units for social workers (13 units from Bethany College approved provider WV Board of Social Work 490052) and nurses (13 units from Alzheim Resource and Referral Services WV20030431RN) are available for an additional fee of \$5.00. The one-day clergy workshop has a fee of \$15.00 per person. CEU credit for nurses will be offered for an additional fee of \$5.00 (4.5 hours provided by Alzheim Resource and Referral Services WV20030431RN). **The registration deadline is August 30.**